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Kowloon	...Dep.	6.40	8.05	8.30	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	2.22	4.35	5.29	7.21	
Yaumati	...Dep.	6.50	—	—	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	2.31	4.44	5.38	7.30	
Shatin	...Dep.	7.02	—	—	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	2.43	4.56	5.51	7.42	
Taipo	...Dep.	7.16	—	—	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	2.56	5.09	6.04	7.55	
TaipoMarket	Dep.	7.21	—	—	9.53	11.08	12.38	1.53	3.00	5.13	6.08	7.59	
Fanling	...Dep.	7.32	—	—	10.03	11.18	12.48	2.03	3.11	5.24	6.19	8.09	
Sheungshui	...Dep.	7.36	—	9.07	10.07	11.22	12.52	2.07	3.15	5.28	6.23	8.13	
Shumchun	...Arr.	7.42	8.45	9.13	10.13	11.38	12.58	2.13	3.21	6.34	6.29	8.19	
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Canton	...Dep.	—	—	—	—	—	5.45	—	—	—	—	3.00
Shumchun	...Dep.	7.19	8.06	10.38	11.40	3.00	4.17	5.13	5.20	5.40	6.08	6.40
Sheungshui	...Dep.	7.26	8.13	10.45	11.47	3.07	4.24	5.20	5.27	5.47	6.15	—
Fanling	...Dep.	7.31	8.17	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	5.24	—	5.51	6.19	—
TaipoMarket	Dep.	7.41	8.27	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	5.34	—	6.01	6.29	—
Taipo	...Dep.	7.45	8.32	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	5.38	—	6.05	6.33	—
Shatin	...Dep.	7.58	8.45	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.56	5.51	—	6.18	6.46	—
Yaumati	...Dep.	8.12	8.57	11.29	12.33	3.50	5.08	6.03	—	6.30	6.58	—
Kowloon	...Arr.	8.20	9.05	11.37	12.41	3.58	5.16	6.11	6.04	6.38	7.06	7.20

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Fanling	...	...	7.45	11.30	2.20	3.20	6.25
Shataukok	...	...	8.40	12.25	3.15	4.15	7.20

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Shataukok	...	...	6.30	10.15	1.06	2.05	5.00	5.15
Fanling	—	...	7.25	11.10	2.00	3.00	5.55	6.10

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WEIHAIWEI.

THE QUESTION OF RETROCESSION.

PROSPERITY UNDER BRITISH RULE.

CHANGES IN OFFICIALS.

[FROM A CORRESPONDENT.]

WEIHAIWEI, March 24th.

It is over five years ago that a bombshell was exploded in our midst when in direct contradiction of the statements of local officials, who for many years had been assuring us that Weihaiwei would remain British so long as Port Arthur was held by another Power—Lord Balfour announced at the Washington Conference that his Government was prepared to restore this leasehold to China.

According to a reliable report this offer caused a "sensation" at the Conference: it has also been described as "generous gesture." Unfortunately, as recent events show, this and similar acts of generosity have not provoked a corresponding appreciation or gratitude in the recipients, such sentiments being alien, it would seem, to typical Chinese character. Further, those foreigners who have interests in Weihaiwei, may reasonably complain that, whether official generosity is justifiable, or not, in this particular instance it has been displayed at their expense!

Retrocession has been delayed pending the establishment of a settled Government at Peking, but it seems probable that, in pursuance of the policy of "patient conciliation," our Government will continue to put the cart before the horse and, with the British Concessions in China, will also surrender Weihaiwei to Chinese misrule, to a "government" that is not a government, at a time, too, when general conditions in the country are as chaotic as they were during the Boxer upheaval, or the Taiping Rebellion.

Prosperity.

The first official reports on Weihaiwei—like the earliest reports on Hong Kong—made gloomy reading and, according to Sir Frank Swettenham, the Territory was a "colder Aden," a barren district, a sterile soil, where expenditure of capital on public works—roads, etc.—would be a waste of money. *Pax Britannica* has brought in its train security for person and property, an honest administration, traditional British justice and a prosperity, as noteworthy, as it was unexpected. In 1901 public revenue totalled $22,000; by 1926 it had increased to over $240,000; and, more remarkable still, there has been a hundredfold increase in exports—mainly of local produce—from about $50,000 to over $5,000,000!

Like the rest of us, the Chinese probably knows which side of his bread is buttered, and, if it were possible to hold a plebiscite in the Territory, there is little doubt that—in spite of your propagandist, in spite of the innate and apparently ineradicable antipathy to all outsiders—there would be a handsome majority in favour of the retention of British rule. Unfortunately, in these days of "patient conciliation," "self-determination," does not count.

Officialdom.

The British leasehold has been run on the lines of a Crown Colony, and, till 1921, the Commissioner—an official title now in abeyance—was the nominee of the Colonial Office. The last holder of this title, Sir James Lockhart, held office for 19 years—which, most sensible people will agree, is about 14 years too long for anyone occupying a semi-autocratic position. Since Sir James' retirement our local Government has been run by Consular officials, i.e., by representatives of the Foreign Office. Someone has remarked that England is an island in the North Sea governed by Scotsmen; and this they call self-government. Formerly at Weihaiwei, too, there was a strong Scotch element in Government Offices, but latterly, during a period of marked prosperity and in spite of the fact that your canny Scot is intimately associated with the hawbee in popular imagination, he seems to have deserted a sinking ship and government is in the hands of mere Englishmen, under whose administration for several years revenue has more than balanced expenditure. It is now no longer necessary to appeal for assistance to that unfortunate individual, the British taxpayer, whose contributions to the local exchequer in former years reached

(*Continued on next column*).

PEKING AND SIR FRANCIS AGLEN.

THREAT THAT FAVOURABLE TREATMENT MAY BE WITHDRAWN.

QUESTION OF CUSTOMS SURPLUS.

[*Asiatic News Service.*]

PEKING, March 22nd.

The government has instructed Mr. Edwards, the new Inspector-General of the Maritime Customs, to recover the $1,000,000 of the Customs surplus reserve from the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in London, otherwise, he will be held responsible for the transaction which, the Tsaichenpu claims, has been carried through without its previous sanction or knowledge.

The Tsaichenpu publishes long despatches in the native papers to-day condemning both Sir F. Aglen and Mr. Edwards for their arbitrary action in this matter without waiting for any instruction from the government and it is expected that "favourable" treatment accorded to Sir F. Aglen for one year as I.-G. of the Customs will be withdrawn, unless the money can be recovered from London.

The money was remitted to London on February 7th prior to Mr. Edward's assumption of office.

STUDENTS ARRESTED IN PEKING.

WARNED TO ATTEND TO THEIR OWN AFFAIRS.

THREE PUBLICATIONS SUPPRESSED.

[*Asiatic News Service.*]

PEKING, March 22nd.

During the course of the last week, the Metropolitan Police arrested twenty young students mostly from the National University and three publications, namely:—The *Awakening Lion*, the *Communistic Weekly* and the *Labourers Light*, were seized and destroyed by the authorities.

The students have been warned not to interfere with questions which do not concern them at the present moment and it is stated that no mercy will be shown to offenders. The authorities allege that the arrested students are agents of the Bolsheviks.

the substantial total of about Tls. 1,000,000.

The "S.D.O."

Important changes are taking place in local officialdom. The first to leave us is the Senior District Officer, Mr. A. A. L. Tuson, who has held this responsible position for over three years. Mr. Tuson is succeeded by Mr. C. R. Lee who comes to us from the Peking Legation.

In a small Crown Colony, more especially one in which the resident white population is outnumbered by officials, a sound public opinion cannot flourish—not a particularly wholesome atmosphere for rulers, or ruled. To the democrat—and nowadays we are all democrats—personal rule, however unavoidable, is objectionable, an anachronism, and it speaks volumes for the character of the typical British official that this form of government can persist with so little friction, can work so smoothly. For the taxpayer, who betrays an interest in public expenditure, etc., may easily come to be regarded as a nuisance, a troubler in Israel: and the official, too, may, as easily, be betrayed into a certain supercilious, if not arbitrary, attitude, as unwarrantable to the man in the street, as it is irritating.

In Mr. Tuson we have had the typical British official who, without forgetting what is due to his position, has always acted in accordance with the best traditions of our public services—not the least important being, surely, that the public servant is the servant of the public. By his unvarying courtesy and consideration in all his dealings and relations with the private individual, Mr. Tuson has won the general esteem and respect of our community, and we all—Chinese and British—join in wishing him, Mrs. Tuson, and their children, an prosperous future and the pleasantest of holidays in the Old Country.

Other changes in the local Government staff are impending, reference to which must be postponed for the present.

THE WEEK'S DIARY.

To-day.

H.K.C.C.: Tennis Tournament (details in sports column daily).

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy, King Edward Hotel, and Cafe Parisien: 4.30 p.m.

Hockey: Club *v.* H.M.S. *Tamar* and small ships, U.S.R.C. ground, 5.15 p.m.; Club "A" *v.* Club de Recreio, King's Park, 5.30 p.m.

Annual meeting Hong Kong Automobile Association, Jardine, Matheson's offices, 5.30 p.m.

Artillery Co., H.V.D.C. held annual dinner, Volunteer Headquarters, 8 p.m.

Dinner dance, Café Parisien, 8 p.m.

Lantern Lecture on "Japan," by Mr. A. H. Crook, Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, for H. M. Forces, 8 p.m.

H.K. Philharmonic Society present "H.M.S. Pinafore," Theatre Royal, 9.30 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "For Heaven's Sake."

World Theatre: "The Lucky Devil."

Star Theatre: "The Ne'er do Well."

Principal Mails:—Outward: Australia, etc. (*St. Albans*), 2.30 p.m.

Saturday.

Entries close for Lawn Bowls Open Championship.

Football and Cricket: Details in Saturday's issue.

Regatta and Gymkhana, Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club.

Central British School Annual Sports, King's Park.

"Closing Day," Kowloon Bowling Green Club and distribution of prizes.

Golf: Captain's Cup, Fanling.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy, and Café Parisien, 4.30 p.m.

St. Stephen's College Founder's Day celebration, Prize Distribution by Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.I.E., M.A. (Vice-Chancellor, University), Great Hall, University, 4.30 p.m.

Dinner Dance, Café Parisien, 8 p.m.

H.M.S. *Frobisher* dance, Hotel Savoy, 8.30 p.m.

Hong Kong Philharmonic Society present "H.M.S. Pinafore," Theatre Royal, 9.30 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "For Heaven's Sake."

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Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe *via* Marseilles (*Macedonia*), 10.30 a.m.

Sunday.

Fanling Hunt Meet, Sheung Shui Police Station, 9.30 a.m.

Golf: Captain's Cup; Royal Hong Kong Golf Club *v.* Army Golfing Society.

Cricket: Volunteers: Mr. A. A. Rumjahn's XI., University ground, 11 a.m.

Social Gathering, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 7 p.m. (Service Men Invited).

Principal Mails:—Inward: U.S.A., Canada, etc. (*President Jackson*),

Monday.

Golf: Captain's Cup, Fanling.

Entries close for Volunteer Corps Annual Rifle Meeting.

St. Paul's College sports, H.K. F.C. ground, Happy Valley, 1.30 p.m.

H.K.C.C. Tennis Tournament (details in sports column daily).

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy, King Edward Hotel, and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m.

Dinner dance, Cafe Parisien, 8 p.m.

H.K. Philharmonic Society present "H.M.S. Pinafore," Theatre Royal, 9.30 p.m.

Principal Mails:—Inward: Australia, etc. (*Arafura*). Outward: Europe *via* Siberia (*Tenyo Maru*), 10.30 a.m.

Tuesday.

H.K.C.C. Tennis Tournament (details in sports column daily).

Sanitary Board Meeting, 4.15 p.m.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m.

Dinner dance, Cafe Parisien, 8 p.m.

Dance for Army Chaplain's Fund, R.E. Theatre, Wellington Barracks, 8.30 p.m., "Semsch" Orchestra.

Principal Mails:—Outward: Canada, U.S.A., *etc.*, and Europe *via* Victoria, B.C. (*President Pierce*), 5 p.m.

Wednesday.

H.K.C.C. Tennis Tournament (details in sports column daily).

Tea dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy, King Edward Hotel and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m.

H.K. Philharmonic Society present "H.M.S. Pinafore," Theatre Royal, 4.30 p.m.

Hong Kong Baseball Association annual meeting, American Consulate-General, 5.30 p.m.

Dinner dance, Cafe Parisien, 8 p.m.

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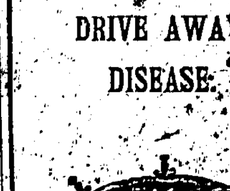
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SIMPLEX PLASTER COMPANY.

THE PROFIT ON THE YEAR'S WORKING.

GRATIFYING, ALTHOUGH NOT LARGE.

A gratifying position of affairs, in view of depressed trade conditions, and an encouraging outlook for the future were features of the Chairman's speech at the third annual meeting of the Simplex Plaster Company, Ltd., held at the registered office of the Company, 2nd floor, Powell's Building, yesterday afternoon.

Mr. D. H. Blake presided (deputising for Mr. C. E. H. Beavis) and others present were Messrs. D. Shank, C. B. Shank, Chau Yue Teng, Chen Pek Chun and B. Montague Ede (Directors), Mr. E. Shea (Secretary) and Mr. Yik Fat Ting (shareholder).

Chairman's Speech.

Addressing the meeting, the Chairman said:—The report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts have been in your possession for the stipulated time and I shall, with your permission, take them as read.

You will note from the balance sheet that after providing for depreciation on plant, buildings, equipment, etc., and setting aside $5,000.00 for managing fees, which the General Managers agreed to hold in suspension, the net profit on the year's working amounts to $4,654.95. While this is not as large a figure as could be hoped for, it is nevertheless a very gratifying one when consideration is given to the depressed trade conditions prevailing in the Colony during the period in review.

At the close of the year's business for 1925, the net profit shown in the sales and working account amounted to $4,778.85. At the close of the period now under consideration the net profit shown in the sales and working account amounts to $4,172,60. This improvement is due to an increased volume of business—transacted in the period under review.

During the year the plant closed down on 130 days on which there was not work in hand to justify operations. As a result the plant operated at an average of 20 per cent. of its maximum efficiency. It is therefore encouraging to know that even with this low operating efficiency the year's working has resulted in a profit. With a steady increase in the volume of business the Company's prospects look favourable.

The principal products of our Company have been the Plaster Boards, the sale of which is steadily increasing; and the Owl Fertilizer sales of which are also on the upward tendency.

Progress in this branch must be slow as actual results over a period of years must be shown before the commodity really proves its worth. It is satisfactory to know that during the year four orders were received from Amoy and sample orders have been received from Canton and the New Territories.

Our Plant Manager has recently produced a Building Unit, which has been used for many years in other countries but is new to Hong Kong. This is the Gypsum Block which the General Managers consider to be the finest internal building unit presented on this market. These Blocks have been used in the interior of several buildings and in two instances for external walls of small buildings. They have already given great satisfaction. Gypsum Blocks can be marketed at prices which compete with other local materials used for the same purpose and having regard to their superior qualities they should soon become popular with Architects and builders in this district.

During the year the capacity of the mill has been considerably increased by the installation of an 8' by 8' calciner in addition to the existing calciner. An additional power unit has also been installed so that the mill is now in a position to cope with almost any demand likely to develop for some time.

I think I have now touched upon all matters on which you may require information, and I now beg to propose that the Report and Accounts as presented be adopted and passed. When this has been done, I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions you may wish to ask.

Mr. Chau Yue Teng, seconded and there being no questions, the report and accounts were carried unanimously.

Other Business.

On the proposition of Mr. Chau Yue Teng, seconded by Mr. Chan Pek Chun, Mr. C. E. H. Beavis and Mr. C. B. Shank were re-elected as Directors of the Company.

On the proposition of Mr. E. D. Shank, seconded by Mr. C. B. Shank, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected as auditors of the Company.

This was all the business of the meeting.

HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

[ORDERS BY LT.-COL. L. G. BIRD, D.S.O., ADMINISTRATIVE COMMANDANT.]

No. 270.

1.—Portuguese Company.

The Portuguese Company is now formed and is organised for the time being as two platoons, Nos. 9 and 10 Platoons.

The Commandant has sanctioned the wear of a destinctive flash, half red and half green, to be worn on the left side of the helmet, by all members of this Company.

2.—Recruits Parade.

On Tuesday, April 5th, all recruits of the Corps will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

Dress: Uniform optional, belt, rifle and bayonet.

3.—Lectures.

(a) On Friday, April 1st, at Corps Headquarters at 6.00 p.m. a lecture and demonstration on street fighting will be given by the Adjutant. As many members of all ranks and from all units as possible should attend.

(b) On Friday, April 22nd, at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. a lecture on Aerial Survey will be given by Capt. Military Survey Section, R.E.

All ranks are invited to be present.

4.—Signal Class.

Signal Class will be held at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, April 7th, under 2/Lieut. M. G. Noll.

5.—Mounted Infantry and Armoured Car Companies.

Musketry Part I. will be fired by the above Companies at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, April 3rd, 1927.

Range Officer: 2/Lieut. H. C. Macnamara.

As this is the last Sunday allotted to these Companies for Part I., all those who have not fired must endeavour to attend.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform with rifle, bayonet, bandoliers and pouches.

Arms may be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, April 1st, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 8 p.m.; and on Saturday, April 2nd, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Mounted Infantry Company, Thursday, April 7th, 1927:

Recruits as (detailed) will parade at the stables for instruction in riding at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Plain clothes.

Armoured Car Company, Machine gunners. Machine Gun Class will be held on Mondays and Thursdays of every week through the summer commencing on Monday, March 28th, at 5.30 p.m. at Corps Headquarters. All gunners who have passed Part I Musketry should attend so that classes can be arranged according to the proficiency of the various members.

All N.C.O.'s are specially required to attend so that they will be in a position to instruct their men and new members. Those prepared to attend should send in their names to C.S.M. A. C. Groves, c/o H.K. & S. Bank.

On Wednesday, April 6th. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. Special Class of Machine Gun Instruction under 2/Lieut. J. E. Hancock for all members of the Mobile Column. A good attendance is specially requested.

6.—Scottish Company.

Saturday, April 2nd, 1927. Stonecutters Range has kindly been placed at the disposal of the Company from 3.30 p.m. All members shooting in the Team Competitions at the forthcoming Corps Rifle Meeting are particularly requested to make every effort to attend. Platoon Commanders please note. Ammunition will be supplied. A launch will leave Murray Pier at 2.15 p.m. calling at Kowloon Police Pier at 2.30 p.m.

Sunday, April 3rd. Part I. Musketry will be fired by the Scottish Company at Taikoo Range on Sunday, April 3rd at 10 a.m. This is an additional opportunity of completing Part I., and it is hoped that members will take advantage thereof. The Ford Car will leave Headquarters at Taikoo at 9 a.m.

Range Officer: Capt. D. C. Logan, M.C.

Thursday, April 7th, at 5.30 p.m.:

No. 5 Platoon, Taikoo Docks, Musketry instruction.

No. 6 Platoon, Kowloon Docks, Musketry instruction.

No. 7 Platoo, Headquarters, Musketry instruction.

Dress: Mufti, rifle and bayonet.

Forward date: Quarry Bay Cup Competition at Volunteer Headquarters, Saturday, April 30th, 1927.

7.—Portuguese Company.

Recruits (Portuguese Company) will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. every Friday. Dress: Uniform optional, belt, rifle and bayonet.

The following N.C.O.s and men are posted to Nos. 9 and 10 Platoons:—

No. 9 Platoon:—Corpl. J. H. Lawreice; Lce.-Corpls. J. V. V. Remedios and J. E. Ward, Ptes. L. Z. Marques, J. F. Peralta, M. M. Silva, J. L. Alves, D. Montalto, D. P. Xavier, C. A. Roberts, C. F. Remedios, R. Gomes, H. C. Remedios, P. M. Baptista, F. P. Sequeira, F. X. Delgado, A. A. Remedios, V. M. Xavier, E. M. Franco, L. Castilho, J. M. Silva, A. P. E. Silva, J. R. Soares, H. A. Figueiredo, G. A. Ribeiro, W. Loureiro, H. A. B. Botelho, E. F. Brown, A. Garcia, and L. Gardner.

No. 10 Platoon:—Lce.-Corpl. E. A. Remedios; Ptes. J. A. Delgado, S. R. Silva, J. M. Neves, P. M. Xavier, C. F. V. Ribeiro, F. G. Ribeiro, F. A. Barretto, A. A. Barros, J. A. Basto, V. A. Neves, N. B. Maher, C. Silva, A. Carvalho, A. J. V. Ribeiro, A. M. B. Rocha, W. C. Ogley, C. M. P. Xavier, F. P. Ozorio, E. L. Vas, J. Lima, M. A. Baptista, E. A. Noronha, A. A. Guterrez, F. A. M. Rozario, H. O. Castro, H. J. Silva, L. A. Rosario, R. G. Xavier, and D. C. Baptista.

8.—Musketry Cup.

The following results of the Annual Musketry Competition for the Musketry Challenge Cup presented by the Commandant for Season 1926, is published for information:

Units.	Order in Competition.
Engineer Company	1st
Artillery Company	2nd
Reserve Company	3rd
Armoured Car Co.	4th
Infantry Company	5th
Scottish Company	6th
Mounted Infantry Co.	7th

The following are the results obtained in the competition in Field Firing at unknown Ranges for the Cup presented by Major-General Sir Frederick Lugard, K.C.M.G.:

	Points.
1st Engineer Company	33.00
2nd Scottish Company	28.05
3rd Infantry Company	24.00
4th Mounted Infantry Co.	23.20
5th Armoured Car Co.	19.50

9.—Employment.

No. No. 657 Pte. J. K. Blackley to be acting C.Q.M.S. of the Scottish Company during absence on leave of C.Q.M.S. P. W. R. Ramsay, as from February 23rd, 1927.

10.—Transfer.

No. 1070 Pte. A. G. L. Randall is transferred from No. 4 Platoon to the Armoured Car Company, as from March 22nd, 1927.

11.—Strength.

The following recruits are taken on the strength and posted as under:—

No. 1175 Pte. D. C. Baptista, No. 10 Platoon, dated 23.3.27.

No. 1176 Pte. A. E. Carvalho, No. 10 Platoon, dated 24.3.27.

No. 1177 Pte. F. P. Sequeira, No. 9 Platoon, dated 24.3.27.

No. 1178 Pte. H. J. Silva, No. 10 Platoon, dated 24.3.27.

No. 1179 Pte. L. Gardner, No. 9 Platoon, dated 24.3.27.

No. 1180 Pte. C. G. Silva, No. 10 Platoon, dated 25.3.27.

No. 1181 Pte. C. V. M. Castro, No. 9 Platoon, dated 28.3.27.

No. 1182 Pte. A. V. Barros, No. 9 Platoon, dated 28.3.27.

No. 1183 Pte. H. R. Sequeira, No. 9 Platoon, dated 28.3.27.

No. 1184 Pte. A. S. Ismail, No. 4 Platoon, dated 28.3.27.

No. 1185 Pte. A. W. Hayward, No. 1 Platoon, dated 31.3.27.

12.—Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:—

Lieut. R. R. Davies, M.C., M.M., Infantry Company, from 1.4.27 to 1.3.28.

No. 792 L/Sgt. E. J. J. Spradbery, A.C. Co., from 1.4.27 to 31.10.27.

No. 1057 L/Cpl. T. W. Southam, A.C. Co., from 1.4.27 to 31.3.28.

No. 742 Pte. F. R. Jones, M.C., No. 4 Platoon, from 15.4.27 to 14.12.27.

No. 267 Sergt. A. Hutton-Potts, M.I. Co., from 1.4.27 to 31.3.28.

No. 749 Pte. C. S. Cameron, No. 5 Platoon, from 18.3.27 to 31.3.28.

No. 1104 Pte. F. T. Orr, M.I. Co., from 3.4.27 to 2.4.28.

13.

After the formation of the Portuguese Company the remaining men of No. 3 Platoon are transferred to No. 4 Platoon forthwith.

14.

The Corps Average in Part II. Table "T" for 1926-1927 is 58.05.

15.—Resignation.

No. 988 Pte. J. F. Mugford, No. 4 Platoon, is permitted to resign from the Corps, as from April 20th, 1927, on leaving the Colony.

15.—Struck Off.

No. 918 Pte. L. E. Hopkins, Reserve Company, is struck off the strength of the Corps, as from March 30th, 1927.

No. 55 Pte. R. C. Witchell, Reserve Company, is struck off the strength of the Corps, as from March 28th, 1927.

R. A. Wolfe-Murray, Major,
Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.

Hong Kong, April 1st, 1927.

NOTICES.

1. A conference on the Kirkpatrick Reconnaissance Scheme will take place at Corps Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. on Monday, 4th April. All members of the Corps of all ranks are invited to attend.

2. No. 2. Platoon Rifle Club will hold their Second Meeting at Peak Range on Sunday, 3rd April, commencing at 9.30 a.m.

It is hoped that all members of the Rifle Club will endeavour to be present.

3. No. 1. Platoon. Corps Rifle Meeting.

All ranks are reminded that the Annual Rifle Meeting will take place at Stonecutters at Easter (Sunday 17th. April and Monday 18th April) and it is hoped that it will be possible to enter at least

(*Continued on next column.*)

RUBBER MARKET.

SINGAPORE QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. are in receipt of telegraph advice from Singapore that rubber is now quoted at 70½ cents per pound.

The following dividends have been declared:—

Alor Gajahs, 10 per cent. interim.
Malaka Pindas, 5 per cent. interim.
Bassetts, 5 per cent. interim.
Kuala Sidims, 25 per cent. interim.

Quotations are as follow:—

Allenbys	$3.10
Alor Gajahs	3.05
Amalgamated Malays.	4.60
Ayer Moleks	2.90
Ayer Panas	13.80
Balgownies	4.50
Bassetts	1.45
Brogas	1.55
Bukit Jelotongs	1.25
Bukit Katils	1.25
Changkat Serdangs	10.50
Connemaras	2.90
Glencalies	3.05
Indragiris	12.25
Jerams	2.90
Jimahs	2.90
Kedahs	4.75
Kempas	9.30
Kuala Sidims	4.15
Lunas	4.00
Malaka Pindas	2.80
Malakoffs	4.90
Mandai Tekongs	0.75
Mayfields	14.60
Mentakabs	0.65
New Serendahs	5.40
Pajams	2.95
Punggors	1.50
Sandycrofts	3.10
Scudais	3.05
Sungei Bagans	4.45
Tapahs	3.50
Tambalaks	1.60
Teluk Anson	16.50
United Malaccas	2.75
Utan Simpans	4.90

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

	Rugby, March 30th.
Paris	124
New York	4.85.23/32
Brussels	34.95
Geneva	25.24
Amsterdam	12.13½
Milan	105½
Berlin	20.48
Stockholm	18.13
Copenhagen	18.21
Oslo	18.64
Vienna	34.52½
Prague	104
Helsingfors	192½
Madrid	26.68½
Lisbon	2.17/32
Athens	375½
Buchargest	740
Rio	5½
Buenos Aires	47.17/32
Bombay	1/5/63/64
Yokohama	2/0.9/32
Shanghai	2/6½
Hong Kong	1/11.15/16
Silver (spot)	26.1/16
Silver (forward)	25.13/16

MOTOR BOAT BURNED DOWN.

Two European ladies, Mrs. Anderson Morshead, and Mrs. J. H. Hunt had a lucky escape on Saturday last when they were returning to Kowloon in a motor boat.

The ladies who had taken part in "The Last of Mrs. Cheyney," were returning home and when about half way across, the boat ran short of petrol. The coxswain began to pour some into the tank and this was done by the illumination of a naked light and the man was smoking a cigarette at the time.

The danger was such that the ladies shouted out and another motor launch came on the scene. They transferred to it, and a few moments later, the deserted boat burst into flames and was burned to the water's edge.

3 teams of 4 from No. 1. Platoon for the Team events and 2 for the Attack Competition (Team of 6).

It is also hoped that the Platoon will be well represented in the Corps Championship and Musketry Competition and Tyro Competition (for those eligible).

As entries close on Monday next please notify 2/Lieut. H. Owen-Hughes, c/o Harry, Wicking & Co. as soon as possible whether you can attend or not.

4. Programmes for the Annual Rifle Meeting are now ready and can be obtained on application to the Orderly Room, H.K.V.D.C.



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CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

March 31st, 1927.

H.K. Bank	$1,050 nom.
Do., London	£111 nom.
Chartered Bank	£21 nom.
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	£32 nom.
Do., C.	£18¾ nom.
P. & O. Bank	£9¾ nom.
East Asia Bank	$74 sel.
Canton Insurance	$663½ buy.
China Underwriters	$0.80 buy.
North China Ins.	Tls. 145 nom.
Union Insurance	$292 buy.
Yangtsze Insurance	Mex. $38 nom.
China Fire Insurance	$205 buy
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	$600 x div. buy, & sa.
Douglases	$31 nom.
Steamboats	$19½ buy.
Hong Kong Tugs	$1.10 nom.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	$30 sel.
Do. (Def.)	$40 buy.
Shell Transports	£9.6 sel.
Star Ferries	$53 sel.
Waterboats	$14 nom.
China Sugars	$22 sel.
Malabon Sugars	$41 nom.
Benguets	$1½ buy.
Kaitan Mining Ad.	38/- nom.
Langkats (combined)	Tls. 22 nom.
Do. (single)	Tls. 10½ nom.
S'hai. Explorations	Tls. 4 nom.
Shanghai Loans	Tls. 7 nom.
Raubs	$4 sel.
Tronoh Mines	21/- nom.
Ural Caspians	8/- nom.
H.K. & K. Wharfs	$99 buy., 100 sel.
H.K. & W. Docks	$40 nom.
Hongkews	Tls. 150 nom.
New Engineerings	Tls. 5½ nom.
Shanghai Docks	Tls. 101 buy.
H.K. & S. Hotels	$7 buy., 7.40 sel.
H.K. Lands	$53½ buy., 52½ sa.
Hong Kong Realtys	$6 buy.
H.K. Territorials	$2½ sel.
Humphreys Estates	$12½ nom.
Prince's Buildings	$89 nom.
Rural Lands	$1½ sel.
Ewo Cottons	Tls. 7.85 nom.
Orientals	Tls. 2½ nom.
Shanghai Cotton (old)	Tls. 54 nom.
Do. (new)	Tls. 27 nom.
China Buses	Tls. 9½ nom.
H.K. Tramways	$20½ sel.
Peak Trams (old)	$15½ nom.
Do. (new)	$8½ nom.
Singapore Tractions	11/- buy.
Taxis	$1 sel.
Amusements	$17.60 sel.
Canton Ices	$5 nom.
Cements (combined)	$7 buy.
Do. (old)	$6 nom.
Do. (new)	$1½ sel.
China Lights (comb.)	$1½ nom.
Do. (old)	$11 nom.
Do. (new)	$6.10 buy.
China Providents	$3.90 buy.
Constructions	$2.30 nom.
Dairy Farms	$15½ sel.
Der A Wings	$6 nom.
H.K. Electrics	$49½ buy., 50 sel.
Macao Electrics	$35 nom.
H.K. Ropes (old)	$10 sel.
Do. (new)	$5 sel.
Lane Crawfords	$7 buy.
Mackintosh	$19½ nom.
Sinceres	$8½ buy..
United Asbestos	$20 nom.
Watsons (old)	$12 x div. nom.
Wm. Powells	$6½ nom.
Telephones	$3.85 buy.

buy.—buyers; sel.—sellers; sa.—sales nom.—nominal.

EXCHANGE.

OPENING QUOTATIONS.

March 31st, 1927.

On London.—		
Telegraphic Transfer	...2/-	
Bank Bills, on demand	...2/0	1/16
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight		—
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	...2/0½	
Credits, at 4 months' sight	2/1	1/16
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	...2/1	3/16
On Paris.—		
Bank Bills, on demand	...	1,240
Credits, 4 months' sight	...	1,315
On New York.—		
Bank Bills, on demand	...	48½
Credits, at 60 days' sight	...	50½
On Bombay.—		
Telegraphic Tranfer	...	134
Bank Bills, on demand	...	
On Calcutta.—		
Telegraphic Transfer	...	134
Bank Bills, on demand	...	
On Shanghai.—		
Bank Bills, at sight	...	nom.
Private, 30 days' sight	...	
On Yokohama.—On demand	...	98½
On Manila.—On demand	...	97½
On Singapore.—On demand	...	86½
On Batavia.—On demand	...	121½
On Haiphong.—On demand	...	nom.
On Saigon.—On demand	...	—
On Bangkok.—On demand	...	93½
Sovereign, Bank's Buying rate		$9.65
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, per tael		—
Bar Silver, per oz.		26 1/16

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TRAFFIC IN DANGEROUS DRUGS.

WOMAN'S STORY OF FREE PASSAGE TO JAPAN.

CONVICTIONS AND HEAVY FINES.

Lengthy arguments on the la relating to the possession of pr hibited drugs were heard yesterda at the Central Magistracy wh the case against a Rumanian and Polish woman charged with smu gling dangerous drugs into th colony, was re-opened after Wedne day's adjournment. They are ch leged to have imported 560 oun of heroin into the colony.

Mr. F. G. Vaux, the defendi ris. His letter had stated that solicitor, said that he had a cle case to answer on the possessi charge, and that he proposed rely upon the statement made the defendant. He should not any witnesses.

The magistrate said that ses; then he showed her the statement upon which the defe was relying did not answer charge of possession; it might ma that the heroin was not inten for Hong Kong. If the defe did not call any witnesses, no ther arguments would be allow

Mr. Vaux cited the case of v. Watson, in which it had been decreed that guilty knowledge not sufficient by itself to con in it a few things that she did He also cited the case of Rex v. Wiley, in which it was ruled that since the stolen goods con had not actually passed into hands of the man who was to ceive them, there was no posse either actively or constructive

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, for prosecution, said that the cas Rex v. Wiley was not analogo the present case because of a ce remark made by the judge.

His Worship: The ordi says: Any of the drugs in order and control are taken in possession.

Mr. Vaux: I shall rely on v. Wiley.

We have possession of the but the baggage in the bag room was under the control ne baggage master.

He also submitted that there no evidence that the pack of heroin were to be imported to China at all.

His Worship: Do you est that it was to be taken the end of the voyage and the en back again to Marseilles?

I submit that this man had brought certain articles on the boat in which there was coin, but the prosecution does go nearly far enough in co ting these goods with the heroin other people may have been goin import the drug into China else where, but that is not evid that it actually would be impd.

His Worship: That is a vious presumption; people do travel round the world with him for fun.

Mr. Vaux then asked that this charge of importing sld be taken by itself. The dence—

was extremely thin—was of ng on board the ship certain s which might possibly be used that purpose. There was no to show that the heroin was g to China or elsewhere, or the man intended to use the ts.

Woman Prisoner's Evidence.

ie female prisoner, Kamien, then put into the witness box. aking through the medium of police Russian Interpreter, she that she was 37 years of age a married woman formerly re in Paris. She left Mar s on the *Astuta Maru* on uary 19th, bound for Kobe. was offered £50 to make the an. The condition of the offer that she should take on a box her to Kobe.

ngly arrangement, continued the ness, she met a Japanese who already written to her, in 4 p.m.—an hour before the ship ed—and he would show her here the box was. On board, he ket, a receipt, and £3 for ex ses; then he showed her the exes and gave her the key. The x was in the baggage room. The told her that at Kobe someone could come on board and take the box ashore. He did not tell her that it contained.

In reply to the prosecuting Vaux cited the case of olicitor, witness said she opened box about two days before the ship's arrival in Hong Kong and sufficient in it a few things that she did not require.

In Hong Kong Stanigross, met her but he did not ask her for the keys because he was to accompany her to Kobe. Although she opened the box, she had no knowledge of what it contained. She did not know the business of the Japanese who wrote to her in Paris but she knew Stanigross previously; he used to live in Moscow and dealt in leather and hides.

"Peculiar."

Mr. Whyte-Smith: Does it not strike you that it was peculiar that you should open a trunk which had been entrusted to your care at a fee of £50, in order to put some of your own clothes into it?

Witness: The Japanese told me the trunk was not entirely filled up and there would be room for some of my things.

His Worship convicted the accused on the two charges standing to her name, and asked Mr. Whyte-Smith if he had anything further to say before sentence was imposed.

Mr. Whyte-Smith said that they were not pressing the case against the woman, since she appeared to have been merely a tool in the case.

Stanigross, who had previously been convicted on two charges, was fined $4,000 or six months' hard labour. If he were unable to meet the fines, he was to serve a second term of three months.

The woman was fined $500 or three months' hard labour, with a week's stay of execution to enable her to send to her husband in Europe for the money.

His Worship refused an appeal for further mitigation of the penalty.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FIVE NEW BILLS CONSIDERED.

MR. H. T. JACKMAN TAKES THE OATH AS A NEW MEMBER.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber yesterday afternoon. H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), presided and there were also present H.E. the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.), the Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn), the Attorney-General (Hon. Sir Joseph Horsford Kemp, K.C., C.B.E.), the Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, O.B.E.), Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E. (Secretary for Chinese Affairs), Hon. Mr. H. T. Jackman (Acting Director of Public Works), Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe (Captain Superintendent of Police), Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., Sir Shou-son Chow, Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird, Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D., Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard and Mr. D. W. Tratman (Clerk of Council).

New Member.

Hon. Mr. H. T. Jackman, who is acting as Director of Public Works in the absence of Mr. H. T. Creasy, took the oath as a new member of the Council.

Interpretation Ordinance.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL, in moving the third reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Interpretation Ordinance, said: In introducing this Bill I said something which might perhaps be misunderstood. I referred to mistakes discovered in the new edition of the Ordinances prepared by Mr. A. Dyer Ball. It is true some mistakes were found, but many of them were merely typographical mistakes and none I think was of any real importance. I wish to correct the impression that I may have created that there were any substantial mistakes.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

Promissory Oaths Ordinance.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the third reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Promissory Oaths Ordinance, 1869.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

Accidents in Factories.

The discussion on the Ordinance to provide against accidents in factories is reported in another column.

Honorary Degrees at University.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the University Ordinance, 1911. The object of this Bill, he said, is to amend the University Ordinance so as to deal in it expressly with the machinery of granting honorary degrees.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

Basel Evangelical Mission.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the President in Hong Kong of the Basel Evangelical Missionary Society. He said: It has been decided to allow the Basel Evangelical Mission to resume control of its work and property in the Colony. This Bill proposes to incorporate the President in Hong Kong of that Mission. It merely revives in an improved and more modern form the old Incorporation Ordinance of 1836 which was repealed in 1919. The immovable property of the Basel Mission at present vested in the German Missions Trustees. Section 7 of this Bill will vest that property in the new corporation when the Ordinance becomes law.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

After tributes had been paid to the work of the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang and the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird, which will be found elsewhere in this issue, the Council adjourned *sine die*.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

VOTES OF $198,202 PASSED.

A meeting of the Finance Committee followed at which the Colonial Secretary presided.

H.E. The Governor's messages Nos. 2 and 3 were considered. The first message included items Nos. 257 to 265, amounting to $20,601, to supplement the estimates of 1926 and items Nos. 9 to 23, amounting to $111,156, to supplement the estimates of 1927. Message No. 3 comprised items Nos. 24 to 28, amounting to $66,445, to supplement the 1927 estimates. The total amount asked for—$198,202—was passed.

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BRIDGES STREET ROBBERY.

DEFENDANTS COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

The two Chinese who are alleged to have participated in the armed robbery committed at 21, Bridges Street, on March 12th, were brought before Major C. Willson yesterday on remand.

Sub-Insp. Lane prosecuted on behalf of the Police and the defendants were represented by Mr. A. J. O'Donoghue.

It was stated in evidence that three men gained admission into the house by a ruse, threatened the inmates with a revolver and after ransacking the place they decamped with a booty of about $180.

The three men after disposing off their haul and dividing the money amongst them, parted company. One was arrested by a Chinese detective on the board the s.s. *Kinshan*, while going back to Canton. The second defendant was caught at a Chinese club at Queen's Road Central. Identification parades were subsequently held at the Police Station and both defendants were recognised by the victims.

His Worship committed both men for trial at the next Sessions.

FOR TRIAL IN INDO-CHINA.

"HANOI" PIRACY SUSPECT TO BE DEPORTED.

The extradition papers having come from Indo-China, the *Hanoi* piracy suspect was yesterday morning discharged from the local Court and re-arrested on the French application for his return to Haiphong, both measures being in accordance with necessary formalities involved in the change of procedure.

In the afternoon, the prisoner was brought before Mr. R. J. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy. On being told that it would take a week before the prisoner could be sent to Haiphong, his Worship remanded the man in custody pending the arrival of the steamer.

Fog Signal Detonators.

Hon. Mr. H. R. KOTEWALL, in connection with item No. 264, a sum of $404 in aid of the vote for gun cotton charges and electric detonators for fog signals, asked if anyone was being held responsible for the fog signal detonators which were found to be defective.

A number of fog signal detonators were found to be defective when brought up for use during the 1926 fog season and a further supply to replace them had to be ordered from the Crown Agents. The cost viz. $2,537.11 resulted in an expenditure of $403.6 in excess of the amount voted.

The CHAIRMAN: I understand the matter is being taken up, but at present I have not heard by explanations of the defects.

Water Meters.

A sum of $10,000 was asked for the provision of water meters in Kowloon. The amount provided in the estimates was $5,000. Saving of $5,000 on the Hong Kong meter vote is anticipated and it is suggested that this sum should be transferred from Hong Kong to Kowloon. In addition to this a further sum of $5,000 was asked for making a total additional sum of $10,000 which would allow for the fixing of approximately 200 meters in Kowloon.

It was pointed out that would be worth while for the Government to vote sufficient funds for these installations as: (1) There is ample water and to spare in Kowloon; (2) The meters are in the colony and already paid for by the Government so that their issue is merely a book transaction between the Store Suspense Account and the vote concerned; (3) The meters are a dead weight in store but when in use pay for themselves in from four to six years by meter rents alone; (4) These meters will register excess consumption which will be paid for by the users to the benefit of the revenue, and (5) About 300 applications for water meters in Kowloon have been received.

Hon. Mr. KOTEWALL: If these meters pay for themselves by registering excess consumption, that is the reason that applications for meters in the city of Victoria have been refused.

The CHAIRMAN: There is not enough water.

Hon. Mr. KOTEWALL: I thought their installation would be a means of checking waste.

Hon. Mr. H. T. JACKMAN: We do not find it so.

Hon. Mr. KOTEWALL: I hope the Government wanted to bring in a meter scheme for the purpose of checking waste.

The CHAIRMAN: If there is sufficient water for everyone meters would be the best scheme for registering excess consumption.

Kowloon Reclamation.

Sir HENRY POLLOCK, in connection with item No. 25—$11,856 for Kowloon Bay West Reclamation—asked what part of the reclamation scheme this referred to.

Hon. Mr. H. T. JACKMAN: It is in connection with the reclamation for which the soil taken for the Chatham Road extension was used.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS.

ST. STEPHEN'S BOYS' COLLEGE SPORTS.

HELD YESTERDAY AT POKFULAM.

Postponed from the previous day on account of the rain, it was decided yesterday to hold the annual sports of St. Stephen's Boys' College, in view of the weather's change for the better.

The event took place in the afternoon on the University Athletic ground Pokfulam, and there was an excellent attendance of pupils and visitors.

The ground had dried up wonderfully, keen competition was witnessed and the running was also well up to standard.

In the Championship events there were only five points difference between 1st and 2nd for the Form Championship; five points in the Junior Cup, and a half a point between first and and second for the Senior Cup.

The three mile race and the walking race were innovations. The former was decided ten days ago and the latter event yesterday.

The officials—masters, senior boys and visitors,—carried out their duties admirably, while the duties of sports secretary were placed in the hands of Mr. Chan Mo Tung.

Prizes Distributed.

At the conclusion of the sports, Mrs. R. H. Kotewall distributed the prizes.

Afterwards, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., speaking on behalf of his wife, made a very witty speech in his own inimitable style.

Referring to the postponement of the sports from the previous day, he said that had they also asked Mrs. Kotewall to look after the weather as well as the distribution of prizes, she would probably have done so. In conclusion, he warmly congratulated the boys on the high standard they had attainded.

Mrs. Kotewall was presented with a box of chocolates by Mr. Chan Mo Tung.

The Results.

The sports results follow:—

SMALL BOYS RACES.

100 yards:—1, Woo Liu Chao; 2, Au Yik Sang; 3, Li Kai Ngok.

Maths:—1, Li Ka Ngok; 2, Kwok Ying Chiu.

Egg and Spoon Race:—1, Tsang Wa Hin; 2, Li Ka Ngok; 3, Raymond Lau.

Three-Legged Race:—1, Poon Poon Kee and Yip Wing Jim; 2, Poon Poon Huen and Kwok Hing Chung.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

120 yards:—1, Chiu Ying Po; 2, Chiu Chan Shan; 3, Lo Tai Sing.

220 yards:—1, Chiu Ying Po; 2, Kho Khang Kha; 3, Lau Ting Cheung.

440 yards:—1, Lo Tai Sing; 2, Kho Khang Kha; 3, Chan Hung Nin.

High Jump:—1, Chiu Po Hang and Chan Hung Nin (tied), 4ft. 9ins.; 2, Li Lok.

Long Jump:—1, Lau Ting Cheung (15ft. 4.5ins.); 2, Lo Tai Sing; 3, Woo Tien Kit.

Hurdles:—1, Chiu Ying Po; 2, Lau Ting Cheung; 3, Lo Tai Sing.

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

120 yards:—1, Siu Kim Cho; 2, Thong Lor; 3, Li Hua Kia.

220 yards:—1, Thong Lor; 2, Lee Hua Kia; 3, Lo Wing Toh.

440 yards:—1, Thong Lor; 2, Lee Hua Kia; 3, Mok Hing Wing.

High Jump:—1, Kwok Cheung (4ft. 11.5ins.); 2, Oh Lock Inn; 3, Thong Lor and Mok Hing Wing (tied).

Long Jump:—1, Cheung Sik Ting (16ft. 5½ins.); 2, Siu Kim Cho; 3, Leung Kwok Cheung.

Hurdles:—1, Siu Kim Cho; 2, Leung Kwok Cheung; 3, Li Hua Kia.

OPEN EVENTS.

There were also, in addition to the above, a number of open events, and these were also keenly contested. The events comprised 100 yards, half a mile (won by Lo Wing Toh); 1 mile, won by Li Hua Ngok; 3 miles, won by Thong Lor; walking ½ mile, won by Oh Lock Inn; Old Boys 220 yards race, won by Ng Pak Him, Visitors' 440 yards, won by Chan Keng Chor (St. Paul's), with a St. Joseph's and Queen's College competitor second and third.

The tug-of-war was won by Form V., who beat Form IV. in the final pull.

THE TROPHIES.

The Form Flag was also won by Form V., with Form VI and Form IV. second and third, respectively.

The Form Championship went to Form V. with 45 points, Form VI being second with 40 points, Form III. third with 35 points, and Form IV. fourth with 21 points.

The Junior Cup was won by Chiu Ying Po, with 15 points, Lo Tai Sing, with 10 points was second, and Lau Ting Cheung with 9 points was third.

The Senior Cup was won by Tjong Lor with 13½ points, Siu Kim Cho being second with 13 points, and Leung Kwok Cheung and Li Hua Kia third and fourth with 9 and 8 points.

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Diomed (Blue Funnel), due April 17th.
Elpenor (Blue Funnel), due April 28th.
Empress of Asia (C.P.R.), due April 29th.
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Glaucus (Blue Funnel), due April 8th.
Glenbeg (Jardine), due April 14th.
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Hector (Blue Funnel), due April 2nd.
Hessen (Jebsen), due April 8th.
Japan (Swed. E.A. Co.), due April 19th.
Jeypore (P. & O.), due April 14th.
Kashmir (P. & O.), due May 12th.
Khiva (P. & O.), due April 14th.
Kt. Companion (Blue Funnel), due April 15th.
Ludwigshafen (Melchers), due April 3rd.
Macedonia (P. & O.), due to-day.
Mantua (P. & O.), due May 26th.
Morea (P. & O.), due April 28th.
Mirzapore (P. & O.), due May 10th.
Nellore (P. & O.), due April 14th.
Nyanza (P. & O.), due April 28th.
Phemius (Blue Funnel), due May 5th.
President Jackson (D.S. & A.M.L.), due April 3rd.
Preussen (Jebsen), due May 19th.
Salabangka (J.C.J.L.), due April 5th.
Sarpedon (Blue Funnel), due May 25th.
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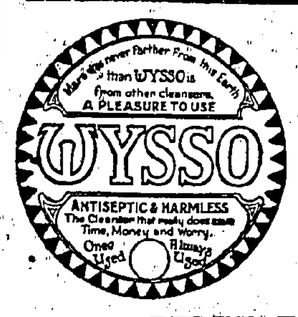
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

MR. W. J. HILL ELECTED PRESIDENT.

SUGGESTION OF PRIZES FOR UNIVERSITY ENGINEERING FACULTY.

A suggestion that they should give a prize for engineering at the Hong Kong University was made at the annual general meeting of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, held yesterday. Mr. J. McQueen, who put forward this idea, said that at the annual dinner of the Institution His Excellency the Governor had mentioned co-operation with the University. It seemed to him that an institute that had so much to do with engineering should also have something to do with the faculty of engineering at the University. If the institution put up some prizes it might bring about a closer co-operation between the Institution and the University.

The Chairman replied that he was sure the suggestion would be looked into by the incoming committee, of which Mr. McQueen was a member.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. L. J. Blackburn) proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, said:

The year under review has been a trying one not only for your Committee, but also for many members who through circumstances out of their control have been without work or have been trying to make ends meet at greatly reduced rates of pay. We can assure them of our sympathy and trust that matters will quickly improve. That these bad times have had a reflection on the working of the Club is shewn by the fact that the Seagoing membership decreased from 226 in 1924 to 135 in 1926, whilst absent members, who pay no subscription, increased from 135 to 240.

To the Committee the year has been trying in that out of the original twelve members elected to serve, six resigned during the course of the year. Such changes do not assist the running of the Institute and I trust that the members you have elected for the incoming Committee will serve throughout the year, and emulate our President's record of not having missed one meeting during the past year. Further burdens included the taking over of the old Phœnix Club premises and the laying out of the combined areas. Our thanks are due to Mr. E. W. Blackmore who, besides his duties as convener of the Bar Committee, put in a lot of time and thought in connection with these alterations. With the addition to the premises we can accommodate a larger number of members and to make the Institute a success we need new members, so the Committee request you to assist by enrolling your friends.

The Literary Council have revived and has given us a series of very interesting lectures and I trust that the good work will continue. The Library has been maintained in its excellent standard of efficiency under the able management of Mr. Stokes.

Finance.

Turning to the accounts you will note that the nett loss is $1,165.64 which is considerably less than the $2,000 as estimated by our Auditors and the Committee before embarking on the extension of premises.

Our expenses were $9,472.77 more than 1925, of which increased rent cost $5,226.33, non recurrent charges in regard to the extension, $2,164.57, charges $1,547.48, depreciation $662.35, bad debts $239.05.

Depreciation and writing off of bad debts have been debited rather on the severe side.

Turning to the income side, subscriptions and entrance fees show an increase of $1,786 due to the subscription of shore members being raised from $3 to $5 per month. That this move was necessary is proved by the figures now before you. Bar profits are up by $2,594.27 due to increased prices charged. Billiard receipts are down by $127.36 in spite of the fact that during the second half of the year we had five tables as against three previously. It may be that the absence of so many seagoing members is the cause of this decrease, but there appears to be a general apathy as regards Billiards generally which is by no means encouraging to the Committee.

Interest on fixed deposits is down some $200 on account of the withdrawal of $3,000 which was needed to meet the expenses of taking over furniture, etc., from the Phœnix Club and making the necessary alterations.

In conclusion, Gentlemen, I would like to state that the Institution is at the present time just about paying its way as may be seen from the 3rd and 4th quarters figures. Of the $962.82 shewn as a loss 4th quarter, $922.64 represents bad debts while a further $40 is accounted for by a refund of subscription paid by a member, who was out of work making a total of $962.68—so that one might really say that the loss on that quarter was 14 cents. However, I would again impress on you gentlemen that what we want to help the Institute along are more members.

I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented.

There were no questions and the proposal having been seconded by Mr. W. J. Hill was carried unanimously.

NEW PRESIDENT.

The retiring President, Mr. J. Ormiston, in proposing the election of next year's president, said: I have very much pleasure in proposing Mr. W. J. Hill, Chief Engineer of the Taikoo Sugar Refinery and a man of marked ability, as President of the Institution for the ensuing year. Mr. Hill has been a member for 24 years, having joined in 1903. He has served on many occasions in various capacities on the General Committee, notably as far back as 1904 and 1908.

This year, Gentlemen, is the highest honour we can confer upon a member and I am sure that the duties appertaining thereto will be thoroughly well carried out by our friend. In the event of election I would particularly draw his attention to the activities of the Literary Council and would ask him to see to that the strong revival that we have initiated for the 1926-1927 Session should be maintained during his tenure of office and in the future.

During these days of turmoil and abnormal conditions we require as President of this Institution to be a worker and an enthusiast to make a success of the responsible undertakings we embarked upon last year, —I refer to the extension of our premises. In Mr. Hill we have these qualifications and I know, Gentlemen, that he will do his utmost in our interests. (Applause.)

I trust that our friend will have the backing of a strong Committee such as I have enjoyed, and I take this opportunity of publicly thanking all members of the General Committee for their keen support and co-operation in the management of the Institution, I am delighted to say that we were a very happy family. I am pleased that our Chairman has explained the reasons for the resignations from Committee and the paragraph in the report with reference to same might possibly be misconstrued.

It is opportune for me to add that the work of the Committee is no light task if taken seriously by members. A great deal of time must be devoted to the management of the premises, and it is pleasant to record that valuable time has been unselfishly given in the past and I trust will be given in the future.

We must all work hard and pull together to uphold the traditions of our Institution and under the admirable guidance of Mr. Hill I am quite sure that a lot of good will be accomplished for the welfare of members.

In conclusion, Gentlemen, I should like to say that my term of office has been a particularly happy one and the work involved a distinct pleasure, and I sincerely hope that I have given satisfaction; the best that I can wish Mr. Hill is a similar experience to my own. (Applause.)

Mr. D. Templeton, in seconding, said that Mr. Hill and himself had been close colleagues for very many years and in Mr. Hill, if he were elected, the Institute was getting a man of the strictest integrity and sterling worth.

The proposal was carried unanimously and amid applause.

Other Officers.

Proposing Mr. A. J. J. Martin as Hon. Secretary, the Chairman remarked that Mr. Martin had kept his books well, and that appreciation of this had been recorded in the minutes. As an instance, three days after the annual dinner, a shilling came round to each member who attended with the bill already prepared.

The other officers were elected as follows:

Vice-Presidents, Mr. R. Hunter and Mr. W. J. Stokes; Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. Landshert; Hon. Librarian, Mr. W. J. Stokes; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. J. J. Martin; Auditors, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews.

General Committee: Messrs. R. Hunter, E. W. Blackmore, J. Ormiston, W. J. Stokes, G. Taylor, L. C. Fellamey, W. S. Bailey, J. Macken, A. J. Chesterton, T. F. Bicord, G. J. Harman, and J. Hu[illegible].

GUARDING AGAINST ACCIDENTS.

REGULATIONS FOR FACTORIES.

WHY APPLIED ONLY TO "COMMERCIAL" UNDERTAKINGS.

DISCUSSION IN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

When the Bill giving the Governor-in-Council power to make regulations for the purpose of preventing accidents in factories came up for its second reading in the Legislative Council yesterday, there was some discussion over the reason for limiting the proposed regulations to "commercial" undertakings only.

Section *a* of Clause 2 of the Bill reads:

"Factory" means any premises in which any machinery, other than machinery worked entirely by hand power, is used in any commercial undertaking.

Hon. Mr. D. G. M. BERNARD: What is the signification of the word "commercial" in this paragraph.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL: The definition comes from the English legislation. I take it that it means an undertaking for the acquisition of profit by means of trading or production. It does not cover, for example, the premises belonging to the University or the machinery in the Naval Yard.

Hon. Mr. D. G. M. BERNARD: If these regulations are necessary for any machinery should they not be applicable likewise to the undertakings mentioned.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL: The only important machinery that I can think of which might possibly require the same regulations would be on the premises owned by the Colonial Government and by the Naval Authorities. In their case, of course, they would not be bound by the Ordinance unless the Crown was specially mentioned. It is not usual to pass Ordinances to bind the Crown.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: We have the railway workshops and a motor garage in which a certain amount of work is done. Apart from those I only know of the workshops at the University.

Hon. Mr. H. W. BIRD: There is the pumping station.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: Yes, there is the pumping station, and in the Naval Yard, of course, there are very large works.

Hon. Mr. A. O. LANG: Why should they be exempt when the Hong Kong & Whampoa Docks and the Taikoo Docks, where similar work is done, are not exempt? Should not the dockyards I have mentioned be exempt on account of the fact that they are under European supervision?

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: I very much doubt whether we ought to do that.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL: The precautions which it is intended to impose, Sir, are all very reasonable. The draft of the regulations to be imposed has been published.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: We have received no objection from any firm which owns factories in the Colony.

Hon. Mr. A. O. LANG: The regulations have been criticised among people connected with the undertakings I have mentioned.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: Have they mentioned any specific point?

Hon. Mr. A. O. LANG: They consider it unfair that legislation should be brought in which affects them and does not affect the Naval Yard where exactly the same work is done.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL: The regulations apply to all commercial undertakings. No places are exempt which are in any way in competition with commercial undertakings.

Hon. Mr. D. G. M. BERNARD: The point I had in mind was that if these regulations are necessary for safety in one case they are necessary in all cases.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: It may be the Admiralty have no objection to bringing the Naval Yard under this Ordinance. The Government of the Colony has no objection to bringing its factories under the Ordinance, and I think I can speak for the Public Works Department. The best method would perhaps be to refer to the Secretary of State to find out whether there is any objection. If there is none the word commercial might be struck out.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL: The Naval Yard might undertake to use the same precautions as outlined in the regulations without any actual legislation.

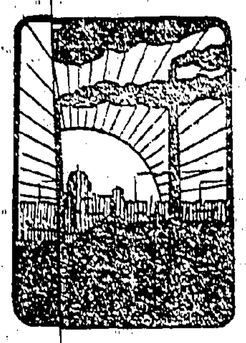
H.E. THE GOVERNOR: I will take the matter up.

The Bill was then read a second and a third time, without further discussion, and was passed.

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PRINTING PLANT IN CANTON ALLEGED.

ANOTHER CHINESE CHARGED.

When a Chonese was brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of uttering and possessing a number of forged notes, it was stated that the notes were printed in Canton and forgers have been attempting to flood the Colony with this spurious money.

The man was arrested at the Saifee Store, where he had on a previous occasion passed off a forged $10 note in payment for goods bought. He went there a second time and was recognised by Mr. Kikabhoy, manager of the store. Defendant was served with all the politeness due to a good customer, but at the same time, a coolie was sent out to fetch a policeman.

he defendant yesterday admitted that he had uttered one $10 and said that he was also re that the other notes found in possession were false. Accused d that when he was arrested at Saifee store, Mr. Kikabhoy did tell the police that he (defen) was the man who had passed faked note on to him. Mr. bhoy said that he had received m an amah.

Kikabhoy denied this and that he recognised the defendat once and had also told the p his complaint against the m

Chinese revenue officer said wh e came to the shop the compl nt told him that he had previo been victimized by one of "T gang." He did not say ac cus was the person who passed the e on the first occasion.

Remarking that the complainant had iously been telling a lie, the Magistrate discharged the accused on the uttering count.

Further evidence on the possession attempting to utter charge will taken at noon to-morrow.

NO REST FOR CANTON.

AGITATION & "DEMANDS" CONTINUE.

AMERICAN MISSIONS REMAINING FOR THE PRESENT!

MODERATES FIGURE IN RECENT APPOINTMENTS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

A meeting of the "Anti-Imperialist Extension Association" held yesterday in Canton, resolved to stage another anti-British parade on April 3rd and to organize further agitation for the rendition of Hong Kong and Kowloon Territory as a "reparation" for the "massacre" of "innocent Chinese villagers at Bias Bay." The Central Political Bureau of the Kuomintang in Canton has ordered all branches and agencies of the Bureau to continue to "run" the "British atrocity at Bias Bay." Although the commander of the 18th Kuomintang Army Division whose territory includes Bias Bay has reduced the casualties to ten Kuomintang Press agencies still proclaim that more than a thousand Chinese were killed and wounded."

Grateful and Loyal Students!

Chinese students of the Sacred Heart College, a French Catholic Mission school in Canton, yesterday presented a petition to the Kuomintang Educational Authorities asking the Kuomintang to take over control of the school. The ground alleged is that the French priests have "defied Chinese law and the Kuomintang orders" by refusing to register as a Chinese institution. The Sacred Heart College students have been on strike since the 28th. The students of the Chinese-French Medical College on the Bund also petitioned the Kuomintang to confiscate the institution on similar grounds. The students went on strike the College on March 28th. Several foreign schools are preparing to close down on receipt of the Kuomintang notice but many "moderates" are against forcing them to do this. Some of the Missionary schools will carry on until advised by their home governments to close.

American missionaries in Canton have now been advised by their home Mission Boards and by the U.S. Government that those who wish to do so may remain in their present stations. For the last few days all Americans residing outside Shameen have been very busy packing to leave for Hong Kong or Manila. These later assurances have changed their plan. The Americans in Canton, it is understood, have never felt unsafe and if they do depart, it will be in deference to the wish of friends and relatives at home anxious as to their safety.

The people of Sinlaam, in the Heungshan District, who number nearly 350,000, may have to face a rice famine. Wharf coolies belonging to rival unions have held up a number of rice junks on the ground that importers have given work to non-union men. It appears, incidentally, that each union is declaring the other an unauthorized organization.

The Canton Port Embargo on the export of rice is to come into force on May 1st, but in other ports it will operate from April 1st and all persons in Kwangtung desiring to export rice will have to do so by Canton.

Chinese officials appointed by the Canton Foreign Office to sit as assessors in cases heard at Shameen in which a Chinese is a party in litigation will now have to be paid for by the Chinese concerned.

The Kuomintang war tax on freight and passengers on junks and steamers trading with Canton waters is to be abolished. This is in response to demands by the shipping merchants who claim that a 20 per cent. charge is ruinously high.

Mr. Chen Yao Tso, Director of Public Highways, will replace Mr. Sun Fo as Commissioner of Reconstruction. Mr. Sun Fo, who is also chairman of the Canton Municipal Council, will vacate that appointment for the time being. The post of Chief Commissioner of the Municipality in Canton will be temporarily filled by Mr. Liu Chen Hua, formerly Managing-Director of the Chinese Section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway. Moderates of the Kuomintang are preparing a demonstration to celebrate the temporary return of their colleagues to power in the Southern Capital.

Mr. Chen Kung Shau, formerly lieutenant-commandant of the Canton Volunteers, an organization disarmed by the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen as "counter-revolutionists" some two years ago, has retired from the Board of Directors of the Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Company. It is rumoured that he was forced to do so by the workers of the company who say that they will not resume work until Mr. Chen leaves the Company.

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TROUBLE ON "KINSHAN."

CHESE CREW WALK OUT IN CANTON.

VESEL BROUGHT BACK BY NAVAL RATINGS.

The Chinese crew of the s.s. *Kinsan*, belonging to the Hong Kong Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, left the ship, without warning, in Canton yesterday morning, and the vessel was brought back to Hong Kong with the help of a few naval ratings and passengers.

The trouble presumably arose over the demand made by the men that a room or cabin should be placed at their disposal on the steamer. It is not known for what particular purpose the room would be used but the men state that they require it for social purposes, for meeting together when off duty and for rest and recreation. They protest that it would not be used for meetings or propaganda purposes. Of course, under the regulations passed by the Government recently a room for propaganda meetings would be an impossibility as such meetings are illegal.

The Company received the men's demand and replied that they were giving it consideration. No decision one way or the other had been reached but yesterday the men apparently decided not to wait a reply. Several meetings were held on board the steamer on Wednesday evening and yesterday morning about half an hour before the time for sailing, the crew, numbering between 50 and 60 men, walked out.

They had given no one any notice of their intention and the officers of the ship were naturally taken unawares. Everything was ready for departure and passengers were all aboard.

However, the difficulty was surmounted. Eight or nine naval ratings from H.M.S. *Cicala* were obtained and those with the assistance of some of the passengers brought the *Kinshan* to Hong Kong in very good time. She left Canton about 9 a.m. and was here about 4 p.m.

On the conclusion of this trip the *Kinshan* was due to dock and is now at Taikoo where it is expected that the overhaul will occupy two or three weeks. The crew, of course, knew that a re-fit had been planned and this may have influenced them in acting in the way they did. They probably concluded that their demands would not be settled, at any rate before the vessel came out of dock, and they decided not to wait until then. It is stated that a special room is provided for the crew on the river boats, the *Fung On* and *Sai On*.

"Taishan" Returns as Usual.

The s.s. *Taishan* came in last night and had not been affected by the strike on the *Kinshan*. She brought the usual cargo and number of passengers.

We learn that representatives of the Steamboat Co. at Canton were negotiating with the Seamen's Union, and there were hopes of the trouble being settled later in the afternoon. A few of the crew of the *Kinshan* returned to Hong Kong by the *Taishan*, but it was not stated whether they had rejoined the ship.

KUOMINTANG HEADQUARTERS AT SHANGHAI.

CHIANG KAI SHEK'S ORDERS!

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Kuomintang General Headquarters have been moved from Hankow to Shanghai, the members of the Staff having left for Shanghai on March 28th. This was done by order of General Chiang Kai Shek who issued the instruction on the 27th. It is understood that the moderates among the Kuomintang in Nanking have asked General Chiang Kai Shek to proclaim Nanking the Southern Capital, but the "Reds" from Hankow are expected to oppose this move. For the time being, Canton is politically divided. While on the surface, the moderates are appearing to be on top "comrades" who have gone to Hankow lately to consult M. Borodin can easily return.

Canton reports say that the Chinese Section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway will restore the two daily express train service, one leaving Ta-sha-tao in Canton at eight in the morning and the other, at three, in the afternoon. The fares will be $6 single, first class; $3, second class; and $1.50, third class.

The Kuomintang Foreign Office in Canton is advising local officials to prevent further emigration of Chinese to Indo-China, where they alleged that the Chinese employed in rubber plantations are badly treated both as regards pay and living conditions.

RADIO OUTFIT DISPUTE.

INSTALLATION AT LEE GARDENS SEQUEL.

CLAIM FOR $3,600 FAILS.

A dispute regarding the sale and installation at Lee Gardens of a wireless transmitting set came before the Supreme Court yesterday, when the acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood) heard the claim of Mr. B. C. Byrd, manager of the South China Development Syndicate, against Mr. Lee Hy San proprietor of the Lee Gardens, for $3,600, the cost of the set and the installation. The latter item was $1,000.

Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy (instructed by Mr. W. B. Hind) was for the plaintiffs, and Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C. (instructed by Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones) was for the defendant.

The plaintiffs claimed to have sold the set to the defendant on January 10th, 1925, and considered the sale to have been completed in April, 1925, when a demonstration showed the set to be working properly.

The defendant's case was that the set was not bought from the plaintiffs but was put up by a man named Chu Cheuk Man. Chu Cheuk Man, according to the defence, agreed to install the set at his own expense on the terms that it worked satisfactorily. The defendants further claimed that the set had never been put into complete working order and that they were not liable for its purchase.

Chinese Music Causes Bad Reception.

Mr. Fitzroy for plaintiffs said that Mr. Benton C. Byrd, the President of the plaintiff Syndicate, heard from a salesman that Mr. Hy San wished to have this set installed at Lee Gardens and he directed one of the employees to get into touch with Mr. Lee. It was agreed between these two that a set should be put in but no amount was fixed, it being understood that in any event work done should be paid for.

After the set had been installed, there was some difficulty as to its working. Owing to the necessity for eliminating the noise from Chinese music the microphones had to be placed high and it was therefore difficult to get clear voice production.

In consequence of this difficulty, Mr. Byrd visited Mr. Lee and there could have been no doubt, claimed counsel, at that time that Mr. Lee was dealing with Mr. Byrd as the President of the plaintiff firm and as owners of the set.

Various letters were read, one of which, counsel caimed, was a clear statement that if there had been a contract between the two parties, Mr. Byrd had definitely indicated that he was desirous of rescinding it and wished to have the set back."

Questioned as to whether it was plaintiffs' case that there had been a definite contract sale and purchase, counsel said that it was.

A proposal by defendants that the set should be returned if the plaintiffs would guarantee them against any claim by Chu Cheuk Man had been declined by the plaintiffs on the ground that they were the owners and they could not guarantee defendants from anyone else. The set had remained at Lee Gardens for some considerable time and plaintiffs were anxious to get it back.

Plaintiff's Evidence.

Mr. Byrd gave evidence and said he sent a Chinese to the gardens to erect the set, and that man was paid by the Company. When he visited the gardens with Mr. Taylor, the defendant complained of delay, and Mr. Byrd replied that it was slow because there were no available experts. There was no discussion as to the amount due for the work already done and he (witness) had not sent in a bill.

Questioned by Mr. Fitzroy with regard to ownership, witness said he knew Chu Check Man, but he had never been employed by the Company nor had he been authorised to contract on their behalf.

In reply to Mr. Potter, witness said it did not occur to him to see Mr. Lee personally about the set. His idea was that there had been a definite sale and Mr. Lee owed him whatever the price was.

Mr. Potter: Why have you never demanded the price?

Witness: Because it was up to me to see that the set was working perfectly before I asked for payment.

Do you suggest that when you visited the gardens with Mr. Taylor you made it quite clear to Mr. Lee that he was dealing with the South China Development Syndicate?—I did.

Mr. Lee will, of course, say that you did not.

Mr. Potter then referred to the letter written to Mr. Lee by witness requesting that the apparatus be handed over to Mr. Taylor, in which he referred to it as "belonging to us." He asked why, if he considered the set to have been sold, he used those words. Witness replied that he still understood that Mr. Lee was a generous man and the set must be made to work properly first.

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His Lordship (to witness): Mr view was that the sale was not complete until the defendant had tried out the set?

Witness agreed, and added that he considered the sale to have been completed when the set worked properly at a demonstration in April, 1925.

Mr. Potter remarked that from other letters he would show that Mr. Byrd was mistaken when he said the contract was completed.

After hearing further evidence, His Lordship found that a definite contract sale and purchase had not been proved and, on those grounds, found for the defendants with costs.

GALLANT RESCUES OF CHINESE WOMAN.

TWO ENGLISHMEN'S BRAVERY.

THRILLING HARBOUR INCIDENT LAST NIGHT.

A splendid and successful attempt by two men of British nationality to rescue a Chinese woman who had fallen overboard was made last night from the Kowloon Ferry soon after eight o'clock.

The vessel had travelled some distance from the Hong Kong side when there was a commotion in the stern of the vessel. At first it did not seem to be generally known that anything was amiss, and most of the passengers retained their seats.

Then there was a rush to the railing, and it was seen that the lifebuoys had been thrown out. At the time there was a strong tide flowing and it was impossible in the darkness to see more than a few yards.

As soon as the alarm was given an English sailor whose name is unknown dived into the water towards where the woman had disappeared. He swam for some distance, but could not find anything, and was picked up by one of two steam launches that had arrived.

Then came a cry of "There she is!" as a black object was seen floating about 40 yards away within the radius of the light.

Another man dived immediately into the water and swam strongly towards the object, which proved to be the unfortunate woman. The rescuer seized her and swam with her to the side of the vessel, ignoring a number of lifebuoys that had been cast out to him. He was Mr. H. Dyer, manager of the import department of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co.

When interviewed on the boat by a *Daily Press* reporter, Mr. Dyer did not seem inclined to say much about his gallant act. He stood dripping and gasping, fully clothed except for his jacket even down to a pair of heavy shoes. It was later learned that this is not Mr. Dyer's first rescue in Hong Kong. He went to the aid of a Chinese man in exactly similar circumstances in 1912.

Mr. Dyer's task in this case was made the more difficult by the fact that the woman was wearing a Chinese dress of black, and could not be seen when she came to the surface. If she had not continued to float for several minutes, she would have been drowned.

Mr. Dyer was almost mobbed by the European passengers as he came up from the third-class deck. They shook him warmly by the hand and clapped him heartily upon the back.

Naval Doctor to the Rescue.

As soon as the unconscious woman, who was about 36 years of age, was brought on board, Sec.-Lieut. F. B. Quinn, R.N., who was crossing to Kowloon, went down to apply artificial respiration. Mr. Quinn until a few weeks ago was on H.M.S. *Moth*, of the West River Patrol, and he is to sail for Hongkong on Saturday per the P. & O. *Macedonia*.

After about half an hour's hard work, in which he was assisted by Mrs. B. Thompson, of the Publicity Bureau, and Mr. H. K. Finn, of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, the doctor succeeded in restoring the woman to consciousness. She began to call out loudly, and her cries were interpreted to mean by a Chinese passenger that she was feeling cold, and that "he had saved her life."

The ferry had in the meantime gone to Kowloon and returned to Hong Kong without discharging the passengers; when arrived again on this side, the woman seemed little the worse for her experience. She was taken to hospital at once.

Dr. Quinn also received his share of admiration and "Well done, Doctor!" was heard many times.

Very gratifying were the words of tributes to the rescuers paid by the Chinese passengers. "I am perfectly sure those two men were British," said one referring to the two then struggling in the water. "A very noble deed by members of great race," said another. A third agreed but added, with the typically Chinese matter of fact outlook, "I can't see why they should risk their lives for a dead woman who probably tried to take her own life."

HON. MR. A. O. LANG AND HON. MR. H. W. BIRD.

THEIR APPROACHING DEPARTURE.

TRIBUTES IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

"GREAT AND DURABLE SERVICES TO HONG KONG."

At the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon reference was made to the approaching departure from the Colony of the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang and the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird, and high tribute was paid to the services which both had rendered to the Government and to the people of Hong Kong during the period of their residence here.

H.E. the Governor.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR, at the conclusion of the routine business of the Council, said:—Gentlemen, two of our colleagues, Mr. Lang and Mr. Bird, will leave Hong Kong in a few days time, and to our great regret we know that they do not intend to return to the Colony. Both were substantively appointed to seats in this Council in 1923: but Mr. Bird first acted as a member in 1918 and Mr. Lang in 1921. Mr. Lang has also acted as a member of the Executive Council during various periods since 1922 and has been a substantive member since 1926. Both our honourable friends have, however, made Hong Kong their home for a period far longer than is indicated by the dates which I have mentioned and they have devoted the best years of their life to work in this Colony, the one as a merchant and the other as an architect. The first to arrive in Hong Kong was Mr. Bird who came here in 1892 to join Messrs. Palmer and Turner, of which firm he is now the head, while Mr. Lang originally came to Hong Kong in 1904 to join Messrs. Gibb, Livingston and Company and has been the head of that firm since 1916.

Mr. Lang has served on the Committee of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce since 1916 and was Chairman in 1922. That was the year of the seamen's strike and involved arduous work which he performed with distinction. Mr. Lang is also a director of the following Companies among others: The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, of which he was Chairman in 1923; the Union Insurance Society of Canton, the Hong Kong Electric Company, the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, the China Sugar Refining Company, the Hong Kong Tramways Company, the Star Ferry Company, the Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company and the Peak Tramways Company. This mere enumeration shows how big a gap his departure from this Colony will leave.

The monuments of Mr. Bird's activities in Hong Kong may be seen as we look around us. He is a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects and during 35 years he has been engaged in building up this Colony. When he arrived here, his firm was at work upon the Construction of the Hong Kong Hotel from Des Vœux Road Central to Queen's Road Central. Since then he and his firm have built the Hong Kong Club, the Alexandra and Union Buildings, the Mercantile Bank, the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Annexe, Jardine's Offices, the Sincere Building, the Matilda Hospital, my own residence "Mountain Lodge," the Bank of Canton, the Asiatic Petroleum Company Building, Pedder Building, the Queen's Theatre, the South China Morning Post Building, the Chung Kwok Restaurant at West Point, the Power House of the China Light and Power Company at Hung Hom, sundry Police Stations in the Kowloon peninsula, residential blocks such as Tregunter Mansions, Branksome Towers and Thorpe Manor, and last but not least the Cenotaph which so worthily occupies the finest site in Hong Kong. I mention only some of the principal works on which Mr. Bird has been engaged. His record is one of which any man may well be proud and of which we in this Colony are proud.

Gentlemen, we can ill afford to spare Mr. Lang and Mr. Bird especially at this time when storm clouds hang heavily over China. Both have given of their best to Hong Kong and both will be long and honourably remembered by the whole community of this Colony. We in this Council part with very keen regret from these loyal and valued friends, upon whose advice and help we have relied during good times and bad for so many years: and I feel sure that the Council will wish to record in its minutes a tribute of warm appreciation of the great and durable services rendered by Mr. Lang and Mr. Bird to the Government and the people of Hong Kong. (Applause.)

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Sir Henry Pollock.

Sir HENRY POLLOCK—As Senior Unofficial member of this Council I rise to say that we associate ourselves most heartily with the commendations which Your Excellency has bestowed upon our two colleagues, Mr. Lang and Mr. Bird, who are shortly leaving the Colony. In regard to all matters connected with shipping and commerce we have invariably been assisted by the counsel which has been afforded to us by Mr. Lang, whilst on matters of Public Works, both Ordinary and Extraordinary, we have at all times been able to count upon the skilled advice and expert assistance of Mr. Bird. Mrs. Lang and Mrs. Bird will also be much missed when they leave this Colony and on behalf of all members of this Council I would express the hope that many years of happiness and prosperity may be in store for Mr. and Mrs. Lang and Mr. and Mrs. Bird in the homeland.

Sir Shou-son Chow.

Sir SHOU-SON CHOW—Sir, my Chinese colleague and I associate ourselves with the sentiments expressed by Your Excellency and by the honourable Senior Unofficial member of this Council. Both the Hon. Mr. Lang and the Hon. Mr. Bird have been good friends of the Chinese—(hear, hear)—and we regret very much that they are leaving Hong Kong for good. We wish them a pleasant voyage and many, many years in which to enjoy their well-earned rest.

Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang.

Hon. Mr. A. O. LANG—Your Excellency, I thank you very much for your kind remarks and I am also very grateful to my unofficial colleagues for the generous terms in which they have referred to me and to Sir Henry Pollock for associating my wife with these good wishes. I assure you it is with deep regret I bid good-bye to this Colony and to the members of this honourable Council.

Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird.

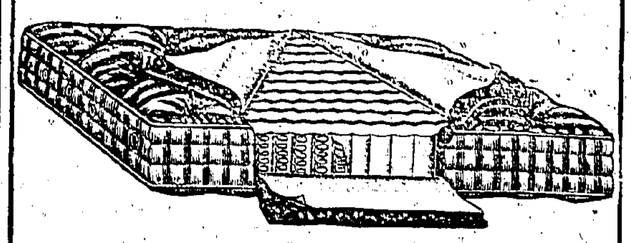
Hon. Mr. H. W. BIRD—I thank Your Excellency very much for the way in which you have spoken of myself and I thank my unofficial colleagues for the way they have supported what you said. With regard to my work in the Council I only claim to have had the courage of my convictions. If I thought the Government were in the wrong I opposed; if I thought they were right I supported them. As regards the clouds hanging over us I am an optimist. I think there will soon be a break in the clouds and that the sun will shine again as brightly as ever. I see no reason why Hong Kong and Canton should not walk side by side along the path of progress and prosperity.

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STAGE IDEALS.

MODERN plays such as that produced by our local A.D.C. last week try to shock and startle us out of our self-complacency and our regard for the normal conventions by disregarding all the taboos and prohibitions that hitherto have governed language and thought in every day life.

The modern tendency in England began with SHAW who signalised his departure from the ordinary by using the word "bloody" in Pygmalion. This caused a great deal of discussion at the time for, as WALKLEY pointed out, if swear words ceased to be prohibited they could no longer adorn the vocabulary of a gentleman in those special moments of stress which often occur, for by becoming current and generally acceptable they quite lose their value as expletives. Their emphasis and peculiarly impressive character depend entirely on their being forbidden, and therefore on their rarity. When everyone in a room is accustomed to saying "damn" or "bloody" the words descend to par value or below for the purpose of expressing emotion.

But there is another point. Where there is a freedom of expletives the result is not only to deprive certain people of a resource of which, apparently, through poverty of language, they stand in need on many occasions in order to do full justice to the emotions they experience. In addition, there must, of necessity, follow freedom to discuss subjects about which hitherto we have felt it right to be reticent. The next step to talking about forbidden things, of course, is to do them. *Facilis descensus averno.*

No doubt when everyone is outspoken and frank on matters where now we are more or less reserved, and when, by convention or otherwise, it is not "proper" to be restrained either in speech or action, then some bold spirit claiming independence and making a bold bid for originality will defy the laws that be and claim his, or probably her, right to speak, live and act as our Victorian grandparents did and so in this way achieve a blessed notoriety.

We wonder what old Dr. JOHNSON, that man of such robust commonsense, would say if confronted with such an issue as the present one. Possibly he would roar—"Sir, you may be sure that the wholesome practice hitherto observed with regard to these matters represents on the whole the wisdom of the ages, and the world of good-sense in England is not likely to be lured from its path by FREDERICK LONSDALE or NOEL COWARD or any other writer."

It may be that the playwright is ceasing to hold up the mirror to nature and that he now represents on the stage not what is or might be but just what is in his imagination. That is possibly the reason why the theatre at the present time is in such a bad way. It does not now deal with broad outlines but with very narrow phases of life—post-war phases, for example, which are already passing away—or with matters which have no relation to normal every day life at all.

One Chinese case of small-pox and one British case of diphtheria were reported yesterday.

The Hong Kong Philharmonic Society open their season at the Theatre Royal to-night, at 9.30, when they will present "H.M.S. Pinafore."

For spitting in a loud and offensive manner a Chinese seated in the rear of Major C. Willson's Cart yesterday morning, was fined $5.

The police have received a report of the theft of clothing to the value of $50, from the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Mess, some time between the 26th and 30th instant.

The summer term of St. Stephen's College, Prospect Place, Bonham Road, begins on Monday next, when an examination will also be held for new students at 9 a.m.

A dog belonging to Mrs. Brown, of No. 3, Armend Buildings, Kowloon, was removed to the depot at Ntaukok on Wednesday after it had attacked and bitten a house boy.

The third ordinary annual meeting of the Hong Kong and Territorial Estates, Ltd., will be held at the office of the Company, St. George's Building, on Friday, April 8th, at 2.30 p.m.

Members are reminded that the annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Automobile Association will be held at the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., this evening, at 5.30.

The Hong Kong Dance Club's spring dance will be held at the Crawford's Restaurant next Wednesday, at 9 p.m. All intending members are invited to be present and membership cards will be obtainable at the door.

The case in which a Chinese is charged with having in his possession three Government opium pills and about five mace of non-Government opium, was again remanded until to-morrow by Mr. R. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy. Mr. D. McCallum is defending.

A special attraction will be offered to patrons of the Star Theatre, Kowloon, to-day, Saturday and Sunday at the 9.30 p.m. session, when the band of the 1st Bn. Middlesex Regiment will, by kind permission of Lt.-Col. A. Stewart, O.B.E., and officers, render selections.

By permission of Lt.-Comdr. D. Anderson-Morshead and the officers of H.M.S. *Bluebell*, the concert party of that vessel are giving an entertainment called "Bluebell Boys at Play" in the Club Hall on Wednesday, April 6th. A collection will be made in aid of the Greenock Infirmary and the Y.M.C.A.

H.M.S. *Frobisher* ship's company are holding a dance at the Hotel Savoy to-morrow evening, beginning at 8.30 p.m.

The Artillery Company of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps are holding their annual dinner at Volunteer Headquarters to-night, beginning at 8 o'clock. Will all those intending to be present and who have not already done so please send in their names to T. A. Martin, Central 75. List closes at noon to-day.

Kowloon Cricket Club held a very enjoyable dinner-dance at the Cafe Parisien on Wednesday night. A large company was present, and after an excellent repast dancing was kept up to a late hour. There is an exceptionally good orchestra at the Cafe Parisien, and with a good floor and prettily decorated room the affair proved a through success reflecting credit on all concerned in its arrangement.

Especially arranged for the interest of members of H.M. forces now in the Colony, a lantern lecture on "Japan" is to be given this evening, at eight o'clock, by Mr. A. H. Crook (Headmaster of Queen's College), at the Wesleyan Sailors' Home, Arsenal Street. Mr. Crook gave an admirable lecture on a similar topic dealing with Japan some time ago, and this one is certain to be of much interest to those attending.

Caused by the heavy rains of Tuesday night and Wednesday, two large boulders of between five and six tons were precipitated on to each side of the road near Taipo at the 17th mile post, and there were also wash-outs to embankments at Ching Loong Tau and Tai Lam Cheung, this side of Castle Peak. The damage has not necessitated the closure of either the Castle Peak or Taipo roads. The two boulders permit of a car's passage, with careful manoeuvring and the wash-outs are not serious. Clearance work is progressing.

At the Naval Yard club-rooms on Tuesday evening, Mr. George Kemsley was presented with a silver tea-set and a pair of gold and jade cuff-links, from the staffs of the various departments of the Naval Yard. The presentation was made by Mr. W. Baldwin, the club secretary, who spoke of Mr. Kemsley's good qualities and club sportsmanship. The recipient suitably responded. Mr. Kemsley, who has been re-appointed Home after four years on the Chief Constructor's Staff of the Naval Yard, leaves the Colony for England on Saturday by the s.s. *City of Bombay*.

THIRTY YEARS' GOVERNMENT SERVICE.

MR. J. DELGADO'S "PROUD RECORD."

After thirty-one and half years' of service with the Hong Kong Government, during which time he has served in various capacities, Mr. J. Delgado, Assistant Inspector of Junks and Cargo Boats, is retiring.

At the Harbour Office yesterday morning, Lt.-Comdr. G. F. Hole (Harbour Master) and other members of that department presented Mr. Delgado with a silver cigarette case and a group photo mounted on a carved blackwood stand.

Lt.-Comdr. G. F. Hole made the presentation and congratulated Mr. Delgado, remarking that he had specially minuted the Government on Mr. Delgado's services and the Government had replied that Mr. Delgado's record was one of which any public servant might well be proud.

As long ago as January 1st, 1896, Mr. Delgado received his first appointment—as a foreman in the Sanitary Department, in which capacity he served for nine years. He was appointed assistant junk inspector on February 1st, 1919 and served with credit till now when he is to retire on a well earned pension.

PROPERTY SALE.

HOUSE AT SHAUKIWAN WEST.

At the China Auction Rooms yesterday afternoon, Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa sold, by order of the mortgagee, a number of houses at Shaukiwan West. The properties were divided into four lots, although they are adjoining.

The first lot comprised Nos. 296 and 298, Main Street, Shaukiwan West, with an area of 2,105 square feet, and an annual Crown rent of $19. The upset price was $10,000, and with one advance of $100, Mr. Hang Shiu became the purchaser.

The second lot comprised Nos. 300 and 302, Main Street, with an area of 2,058 square feet, and annual Crown rental of $19. The property was knocked down to Mr. Hang Shui at the upset price of $10,100.

The third lot comprised Nos. 304 and 306, Main Street, with an area of 2,058 square feet, and an annual Crown rental of $19. There was the same purchaser in this case, the property being sold at the upset price of $10,100.

The fourth lot comprised No. 308, Main Street, with an area of 1,197 square feet, and an annual Crown rental of $10.50. The upset price was $5,000, and Mr. Hang Shui became the purchaser for $5,800.

THE TROOPS.

POSSIBLY MORE FORCE FOR SHANGHAI.

AMERICAN DESTROYER LEAVE.

As stated yesterday, except for a few details left behind to strike camp when the tents are struck, there are now no troops in the Shanghai Defence Force at Fanling.

Both Battalions of the infantry, the 1st Middlesex and the 1st Cameronians are being accommodated at the Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon.

The former Regiment took up quarters there on Wednesday, the Cameronians came in from Fanling yesterday.

The troopships *Fauna* and *Bellerophon* have, of course, already left for Shanghai with the 1st Battalion, Green Howards, the 13th Infantry Brigade Headquarters' Staff, the 13th Brigade Signals and reserve drivers of the 5th Armoured Car Co., and the 1st Field Brigade R.A., the headquarters and 4th Pack Battery R.A., and the R.A. Signals.

Rumours have been current that the Cameronians are also going to Shanghai. This is unlikely at the present time, but it is possible that within the next fortnight both this battalion and the Middlesex regiment will proceed North.

As in Hong Kong, the Shanghai authorities are finding a certain amount of difficulty in quartering the forces, and the Shanghai Defence Force is being completed by degrees.

The transport *Herminius* is returning from Shanghai with a large number of Indian mules and carts, which are unsuitable for transport work in Shanghai, especially now that the R.A.C. have arrived with lorries.

American Destroyers.

Six destroyers, of the U.S. Astic Fleet Squadron, have steamed out of Manila Bay for China, during the past 36 hours, says the *Manila Bulletin* of Saturday last. The last three to leave were the *Buter*, the *Parrott* and the *Edsall*. They lifted anchor at 10 a.m. on Friday.

The *Bulmer* is under order to go direct to Amoy while the *Edsall* will steam to Swatow. The *Parrott*, has been assigned to duty at Foochow.

The first of the six warships to leave Manila were the *Pillsbury*, the *Ford* and the *Peary*. They left the harbour at 10 p.m. on Thursday, under orders to report to Rear Admiral Clarence S. Williams, at Shanghai.

The departure of the six destroyers leaves five now with the squadron in Philippine waters. They are the *MacLeish*, *McCornic* and the *Simpson*, of the 39th Division, and the *Pope* and *Truxton* of the 43rd. All five have been in the harbour but a few days, having returned from Shanghai where they were on duty for several weeks. The boats are now undergoing minor repairs and will be ready to return to China in a few days.

ILLUSORY SALT TRANSACTION.

SIMPLE MINDED MERCHANT SAYS HE WAS VICTIMISED

$600 PAID ON TRUST.

Chinese business men are noted for their honesty of purpose and business integrity, but when the brokers turn out to be crooks, the story has a different ending.

Yesterday at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. W. Schofield two men were charged with fraudulently obtaining $600 from a salt merchant on the pretence of effecting a sale.

Mr. W. B. Hind prosecuted on behalf of the complainant and Mr. A. MacCallum defended the first defendant, while the second defendant was unrepresented.

Irregular Charge.

Before the case opened, Mr. MacCallum said he could not see from the charge sheet what his client was charged with and asked his Worship to give him a specific charge to which he could reply. He intimated that if the prosecution were allowed to proceed, he would enter "the strongest possible objection."

Considerable argument then followed with regard to the drafting of the charge and, eventually Mr. Hind's application for an adjournment to this afternoon was refused but the Magistrate granted 20 minutes in which to amend the charge.

When the Court sat again, Mr. Hind said that the complainant was a salt merchant carrying on business in Yaumati. On March 14th, he was introduced by the first defendant to the second defendant and was told that they were partners in a firm called Kwong Wey Cheung, salt merchants, in 880, Canton Road. Next day the defendant telephoned to complainant they were coming to his shop to show him some samples of salt. Complainant met them as requested and agreed to purchase a quantity of salt at the rate of 184 catties per dollar, delivery being fixed for the following day.

(*Continued on next Column*).

THE THREATENED STRIKE.

PAY CUT AND CHINA NAVIGATION OFFICERS.

ACTION ANTICIPATED TO-DAY.

A *Reuter* cable received from Shanghai yesterday states that a strike of China Navigation Co. deck officers and engineers is threatened for to-morrow in connection with the ten per cent. salary reduction announced some time ago by the Company, owing to trade depression.

However, the officers announce that they will always be willing, in case of emergency, to operate the ships for the purpose of evacuating foreigners of any nationality, or for Naval or Military purpose.

Local Opinion.

On enquiry at the local Guild Offices yesterday we were informed that little news is known here yet regarding the strike. Last night the China Coast Officers' Guild were still awaiting news of the "final climax" from Shanghai.

The opinion was that the threatened strike was anticipated to commence to-day, and that if so it would be generally effective at all ports where there are China Navigation Company's vessels.

It was not expected that further news regarding the threatened action and the final decision would be received until to-day.

The cut is to take effect as from to-day, April 1st.

Mr. John Watson, secretary of the Marine Engineers' Guild of China and acting secretary of the China Coast Officers' Guild, stated:—

"It was an open secret that in the autumn of last year the China Navigation Co. proposed to bring a ten per cent. reduction of the salaries of all officers in its employ into effect from January 1st. The reason given for the proposed reduction at that time was that the Co., in consequence of the prolonged boycott of British shipping companies at Canton and Swatow, had incurred heavy losses on the shipping service which normally would have been serving those ports.

"The proposed reduction was strenuously opposed by both Guilds, and after protracted negotiations, and in view of the fact that towards the end of 1926 both Canton and Swatow were once more open to British shipping and that no other port or ports were closed, the Company, in a letter dated December 22nd and addressed to both Guilds, withdrew the proposed reduction, but reserved the right again to consider the matter in three months' time."

The three months elapsed and the Company wrote, giving notice of the reduction as from to-morrow.

[Part of the Guilds' statement appeared in Tuesday's *Daily Press*.]

LOCAL WILL.

FORMER HONG KONG WIRELESS INSTRUCTOR

LEAVES $14,200.

Resealing of probate of the will of the late Mr. John Bernard Moore, formerly a wireless instructor with Butterfield & Swire, and formerly of No. 5, Armitage Terrace, Hornsea, Yorkshire, who died at the Peak Hospital, Hong Kong, on December 9th, 1926, has been granted to Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, the attorney of Mrs. Lilian Warden Fell, widow, of Kingston-on-Hill, the sole executrix.

Deceased left estate in England of £115, and in Hong Kong to the value of $14,200.

After a legacy of £100 to his niece, on her attaining her majority, or to be used for the completion of her education if necessary, the deceased leaves the remainder of his estate to his sister, Mr. Lilian Warden Fell.

At 9 a.m. on the 16th, the defendants informed the complainant that the salt would arrive at noon and they asked him to pay them the agreed sum of $600. Complainant said he would pay them at their shop and the three proceeded there. On the way, one of the defendants told him that they were not the proprietors of Kwong Wey Cheung, but of another firm four or five doors away. The bargain money was paid to them there, the $600 being handed to the first defendant who gave it to the second defendant. They then went inside the counter and the first defendant produced a receipt for the sum endorsed with the chop of the firm. Asked for the salt, they replied that the goods would delivered on the next day, the 17th, but when complainant, who had expected the salt in a junk the following day as promised, went to get the goods, he found neither junk nor salt.

He complained to the police and the first defendant was arrested at Yaumati wharf the next day, the second defendant being apprehended five days later.

Evidence was then given by the complainant and the case was adjourned to Wednesday next.

"NOT UNLICENSED BUT FULLY LICENSED SOLDIERY."

POINTED CRITICISM IN AN ENGLISH NEWSPAPER.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 31st.

"If the barbarities at Nanking were deliberately planned there is no security there or against wherever the Nationalist troops are in control," says the *Manchester Guardian* in a leader declaring that there is every sign of the appalling outrages and deliberate savagery being the carefully organised work not of unlicensed but of fully licensed soldiery.

The paper expresses the opinion that since it is manifest that the bombardment alone saved the lives of the unfortunate foreign residents, Chiang Kai Shek's protest is absurd and suggests that an inquiry is likely to be simply the means of exculpating Cheng Chien.

The leader concludes by stating that the country will be glad when Sir Austen Chamberlain can state that every British citizen has not only been advised to seek security but has been afforded the means of escape.

LABOUR PARTY LEADER'S EXPLANATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 31st.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, speaking at Glasgow, refuted the statement that the position of the Labour Party was to leave British lives in China without protection, and declared that Labourites never said that the forces in China at the time should be evacuated.

THE "STORMING" OF THE FRENCH CONCESSION.

AN OFFICIAL EXPLANATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, March 31st.

The reported storming of the French Concession defences, by the mob yesterday night, was denied in the course of a statement issued to Reuter from the French Consulate-General this morning. It is explained that a small crowd of loafers gathered and began stoning the barricades but the sentry fired a shot in the air and the crowd dispersed.

The statement also denies the report that the Consul-General interfered personally in the affair, which is described merely as a small police incident.

Regarding the forcible removal of two iron gates from the borders of the Concession on the evening of March 29th the French explanation is that the gates no longer formed part of the main defences and had been superseded by barbed wire entanglements immediately behind. The episode, therefore, is regarded as being unimportant.

Hankow French Concession Quiet.

PARIS, March 30th.

The *Quai d'Orsay* publishes a telegram from the French Minister at Peking to the effect that there have been no disorders in the French Concession at Hankow, from which the women and children have not been evacuated.

BORODIN AND HSU CHEN.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE]

CANTON, March 31st.

According to a Canton correspondent, Borodin and Hsu Chen, the notorious "Reds," left Canton for Sianfu, the capital of Shensi.

WHAT A CANTON PAPER SAYS.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

A Canton vernacular newspaper states that yesterday foreigners residing in the Shameen held a meeting in "the church" and discussed the question of evacuating the place.

SHANGHAI CUSTOMS.

News to hand is to the effect that Mr. T. V. Soong, the Kuomintang's Finance Minister, has appointed a large number of Chinese, at present in Hankow, to posts in the Shanghai Customs service.

SHANGHAI'S FUTURE.

NEGOTIATIONS AT PRESENT UNTIMELY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 30th.

The China problem was again prominent in questions asked in the House of Commons to-day.

Commander Kenworthy (Labour) asked whether negotiations had yet been opened with the Chinese Nationalist Government as regards the future of the International Settlement at Shanghai.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied in the negative, and when Commander Kenworthy then asked whether it was intended to open negotiations as soon as possible, Sir Austen replied that "the moment is not propitious for negotiations."

Col. Wedgwood (Labour) asked if this meant that there had been no change in policy in connection with the pacific settlement of these questions, and Sir Austen Chamberlain, amid loud Ministerial cheers, replied that the "purpose of His Majesty's Government remains unchanged. The execution of that policy must depend on circumstances."

Sir Austen Chamberlain told Mr. H. W. Locker that the question of taking special precautions if necessary at Tientsin was under consideration, and added that he had seen a telegram embodying the views of the Committee of the Shanghai Bar Association at Shanghai.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

Marine Guard Landed at Foochow.

FOOCHOW, March 30th.

The British Consul is in close touch with the Chinese authorities and does not anticipate trouble.

A Marine guard has been landed to prevent Nationalist demonstrations from encroaching on foreign quarters, but the situation appears to be quiet.

The Commissioner for Foreign Affairs and the Commander of the Chinese Navy have given their assurances that they will suppress any attempt at anti-foreign disturbances, and they appear well disposed.

Meanwhile, plans for the evacuation of foreigners are being prepared in case of necessity.

TIENTSIN CONCESSION.

LOCAL PAPER'S COMMENTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, March 31st.

A message from Tientsin says that the leading British newspaper, *The Peking and Tientsin Times*, in envisaging the melancholy prospect of the retrocession of the British Concession at Tientsin, speculates on the "disastrous results of the fatal policy of patience and conciliation." It says that the leading extremists believe that Britishers exist only to be outraged and their property to be looted with impunity. It asks whether Wuhu, Nanking and Chinkiang have failed to convince Sir Austen Chamberlain of the belief that the Hankow Agreement is illusory, and suggests that he apply his own dictum, namely, "to be assured that the Chinese authority can preserve order wherever its authority is extended before the surrender of any further interests."

GEN. CHIANG "PREPARING TO CONQUER NORTH."

DENIES UNDERSTANDING WITH MARSHAL CHANG TSO LIN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, March 30th.

General Chiang Kai Shek, interviewed by the Shanghai correspondent of the *Vossische Zeitung*, said he was preparing plans for the conquest of North China, but that he needed time. He denied that he had an understanding with Marshal Chang Tso Lin. He was without means to conquer the foreign Settlements, which could be left to the politicians.

As regards propaganda, Marshal Chiang Kai Shek said he desires to oust all foreign news agencies and to establish National Chinese agencies. He admitted difficulties with the Communists.

NANKING OUTRAGES NARRATED IN THE COMMONS.

FULL STORY OF INCIDENTS.

SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN'S STATEMENT.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

LONDON, March 31st.

Sir Austen Chamberlain stated in the House of Commons that he was now in a position to supplement his statement made the other day regarding the incidents at Nanking with facts derived, in part, directly from the British Minister in Peking and by the American and Japanese representatives.

Looting was carried out by soldiers in uniform. This fact was sworn to by the British Consul-General, the United States' Consul and numerous responsible British and American residents. Looters were in small parties, controlled by the blowing of whistles and they were called off by a bugle, after firing from the warships began. The British Consul-General was sounded and sentries were posted. About thirty soldiers spent the previous night in the Vice-Consul's house, which was unoccupied at the time and raised the revolutionary flag on the entry of the looters. Foreign women, including Mrs. Giles, wife of the British Consul-General, were thoroughly searched and rudely stripped of their valuables. Many had their clothes torn off.

Sworn Depositions.

These facts could be established by sworn depositions. It was learnt that foreigners were not molested by Northern troops nor by local inhabitants, but that the latter were friendly throughout and assisted the foreigners. The looting and destruction were more than at first realised. Attacks on foreigners were carefully organised, and the British Consulate-General was a special objective. The Consular party had lost everything. They were robbed of their valuables at the point of guns. Houses were burned after being looted and the furniture was used for firewood. Mr. Huber, the Harbour Master, was killed.

American Experiences.

In regard to the treatment suffered by Americans at Nanking, the information was that, after the murder of an American missionary and the attempted murder of many others by Nationalist soldiers, Chinese police warned the American Consul that his party would be destroyed unless he could escape. Accordingly, the party of one officer, eleven sailors, nine civilians and two children escaped under constant fire across country to Socony House, on the Standard Oil Company's Hill, above the city walls where some Americans and British already were. Although robbed and repeatedly threatened by Nationalist soldiers, the Consul, with the Vice-Consul and the Standard Oil Company Manager, managed to keep the Chinese out of the house for two hours. Finally, they broke in. Seeing the number of people in the house, they retired and commenced firing upon them, in ever-increasing numbers. The United States and British vessels then dropped shells immediately around the house and the party were enabled to escape over the wall.

Nationalist soldiers deliberately fired at the United States' Consul, knowing him to be the Consul and with the intention of killing him. When this happened he had just given them his card and asked to see their officers. The United States' Consulate was deliberately looted, although it was known by Nationalist officers. No effective steps were taken to afford protection. Murder, robbery and other outrages were committed on American and other foreigners in all parts of the city from eight o'clock in the morning and no official attempts to destrain them were made until after the naval barrage at half past four in the afternoon. The American Consul-General tried all day through official and other channels to see some responsible officer but no one would see him. From statements made to him and to many other Americans by soldiers, and from the fact that soldiers proceeded in bands, the movements of which were directed and prompted by the sounding of bugle calls, he was convinced that these outrages were planned and could not possibly have been the result of the accidental getting out of hand of the troops.

The Japanese Experiences.

With regard to the Japanese, the following was the position. On March 24th, about 150 soldiers, belonging to the Nationalist Army occupied the Japanese Consulate for four and a half hours. They were in uniform, wore military caps and were armed with rifles. They began looting at once. One party attacked the offices and residencies of the staff and others attacked the residence of the Consul, who was ill in bed and fired shots at him, at members of his staff, at naval officers and marines, and at Japanese civilians, who were at the Consulate and threatened them with bayonets. The mob took away everything belonging to members of the Consulate and to civilians. A Japanese school, hotel and two private hospitals were completely looted and turned into military headquarters. The soldiers at length threatened to set fire to the Consulate. At this point, the Chief of the Political Bureau of the Sixth Division of the Second Nationalist Army intervened, followed by the Commander of the Sixth Division and guards were posted for the protection of the Consulate. The next afternoon, the Consular party made their way to Japanese destroyers in the river.

Sir Austen Chamberlain added that he had the sworn statements by Mrs. Giles, wife of the British Consul-General, and Mr. Brown, a British citizen.

The Next Step Under Consideration.

Comdr. Kenworthy (Labour) asked what was the next step it was proposed to take, and Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that the steps which it might be proper for the British Government and the other Governments to take, whose citizens have been treated in this way and whose flags had been outraged, were under consideration.

A CHINESE TELEGRAM TO GENEVA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, March 30th.

The Chinese delegate, Mr. Chao Hsin Chu, has published a telegram from the Chambers of Commerce at Shanghai and Chapei, bankers, stock exchange, cotton millowners and various Guilds, regretting the Nanking outrage and urging patience and continued confidence in the Chinese.

Mr. Chu has replied to the telegram, asking commercial and industrial interests to urge the Nationalists to protect foreigners and prevent a recurrence of Nanking.

[EARLIER TELEGRAMS.]

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

Nanking Still Unsafe for Foreigners.

NANKING, March 30th.

No interviews have yet taken place with the Chinese authorities, concerning last week's outrages, owing to the non-appearance of the Nationalist representatives.

It is still unsafe for foreigners to show themselves in Nanking. The British Consulate is still visited by looters and the place is completely wrecked.

Rifle and machine-gun firing on ships has not abated, and the gun on Lion Hill is kept trained on ships under way.

Better News From Wuhu.

WUHU, March 30th.

At a friendly meeting with the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs yesterday, the *Kutwo* incident again formed the subject of discussion, but no decision was reached.

Six Spanish priests, one of whom was wounded, were evacuated last night. The situation is easier.

OTHER YANGTSZE PORTS.

HANKOW, March 30th.

That part of the British community which is regarded as surplus is being evacuated.

KIUKIANG, March 30th.

Forty-five missionaries, ten British and thirty-five other nationalities, have arrived here from Anking, and will proceed to Shanghai on the American steamer *Hulbert*.

CHANGSHA, March 30th.

All Britishers have been evacuated, except the Consul and the Mother Superior of the Convent. They left for Shanghai at 10 a.m. this morning.

The British gunboat, H.M.S. *Gnat*, remains at Ichang for the time being.

PEKING, March 30th.

The American destroyer *Hulbert* took off 47 British and American refugees at Anking. The refugees were stoned before embarking.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

British Consul's Request at Hankow.

LONDON, March 30th.

A telegram from Hankow states that the British Consul-General there had a meeting with the leading British merchants on March 27th, and urged them to send away at once all employees who were not absolutely necessary for such diminished business as there was, so that if a sudden evacuation should become necessary the numbers would be reduced to a minimum.

All is quiet at Hankow at present and Chinese feeling is easier, but it is expected that a critical time will be May 1st when the Fourth All-China Labour Convention meets there.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Murders At $10 Each.

SHANGHAI, March 31st.

$10 is the price of assassination in Shanghai, according to evidence in a case just dealt with by the Provisional Court in which a Chinese was convicted for the murder of a loyal forewoman of a British cotton mill.

Prisoner, who was sentenced to life imprisonment, confessed that he shot the woman at the instance of a prominent member of the General Labour Union who gave him $10 beforehand, promising him a further $10 on the return of the pistol with which he was furnished.

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SINGAPORE'S RIOTING SUBSIDES.

A PROCLAMATION ISSUED.

CHINESE CONSUL-GENERAL GIVES ASSISTANCE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SINGAPORE, March 31st.

The rioting has subsided, and the Government, in a proclamation, state that it is their intention gradually to remove the restrictions on a return to normal conditions. A warning is issued to the public that a recurrence of the disorders will be sternly repressed.

The Chinese Consul-General has been giving all possible assistance in the restoring of normal conditions.

THE INDIAN "SANDHURST COMMITTEE'S" REPORT.

IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 31st.

The so-called Indian Sandhurst Committee, composed of prominent Indians, and presided over by Sir Andrew Skeen, which was appointed in 1925 to inquire into the means of improving the number and quality of Indian candidates for Army Commissions, is reported to be recommending a great extension in the scope of the employment of Indians of the higher ranks in the Army. A substantial progressive scheme of Indianisation, subject to the maintenance of the present standard of efficiency; also advocating that Indians be made eligible for commissions in the Artillery, Engineer, Signal, Tank, Air, and Arms Sections of the Army of India, and that the number of vacancies allotted to Indians at Sandhurst should be progressively increased until a Military College, on the lines of that at Sandhurst, is established in India. Similarly, they should be admitted to Woolwich Academy and Cranwell Air Force College, provided they qualify in the same tests as British boys.

NETHERLAND'S FOREIGN MINISTRY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE HAGUE, March 30th.

Jonkheer Beelaerts Van Blokland, who was recently appointed Netherland's Minister at Brussels, is expected to succeed Jonkheer H. A. Van Karnebeek at the Foreign Ministry.

U.S. GOVERNMENT'S POLICY.

AIMING AT THE SAFETY OF NATIONALS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, March 30th.

Official despatches indicate that the situation in China shows no signs of becoming less threatening.

The official attitude is to devote all efforts to ensuring the safty of Americans and foreigners in the danger areas. It is recognised that it would be useless at present to attempt diplomatic conversations with the Chinese, as the Cantonese may be unable to consolidate their gains.

It is reported that practically the whole of the 1,000 American religious workers in the danger areas have reached Shanghai or are reported to be safe in parts of the country, while some of them are proceeding back to America because they are convinced that it will be many months before foreign missionary work can be resumed.

Union Members to Pay Half Rent.

SHANGHAI, March 31st.

Mr. T. V. Soong, the Nationalist Minister of Finance and a brother of Madame Sun Yat Sen, who is a member of the Right Wing of the Kuomintang, has arrived from Hankow.

The latest of Shanghai's numerous new Unions is "The Association for Fifty Per Cent. Rent Reduction." The members, who are all tenants in the Chinese City, to-day passed a resolution only to pay half the usual rents to the landlords, and if the latter would not accept that, they would pay nothing.

A brief message from Nanking says that two British steamers were leaving Nanking on Wednesday morning when they were fired on by Chinese troops.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

"Tuckwo" Affair Revived.

ICHANG, March 30th.

The *Tuckwo* incident has been revived, but the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs has left for down river.

[On March 7th, a British naval party was involved in an armed encounter with stevedores, when several on both sides were injured. The British party were loading stores on the *Tuckwo* and the stevedores interfered. On the following days, absurd demands were presented by the Labour Unions, including the withdrawal of H.M.S. *Gnat*. Further correspondence followed, the Labour Unions modified their demands, and a further letter was sent by the British authorities. The matter had been allowed to drop into the background.]

MOTOR MAGNATE IN HOSPITAL.

MR. HENRY FORD'S MISFORTUNE.

"DELIBERATE ATTEMPT" ON HIS LIFE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

DETROIT, March 31st.

Mr. Henry Ford is in hospital as the result of injuries, described as being not serious, received in a motor accident.

He was motoring alone when a skidded car behind knocked him over a 15-foot embankment, down which his car rolled over several times.

Mr. Ford is suffering from slight concussion and his ribs and back are severely bruised.

He has undergone an operation, but is expected to leave the hospital in a fortnight.

Reuter learns from sources in close contact with Mr. Ford that they are of opinion that it was not an accident but a deliberate attempt made upon Mr. Ford's life.

INDIA'S ARMY.

EFFECT OF SENDING TROOPS TO CHINA.

STATEMENT BY LORD BIRKENHEAD.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 30th.

In the course of a lengthy survey of the situation in India in the House of Lords, Lord Birkenhead, Secretary of state for India, referring to the despatch of troops from India to China said that the Government of India recognised that by lending troops from the Indian garrison at present we were facing a certain risk. He believed it was a reasonable risk, but only so long as the occasion was temporary. On the other hand, Lord Birkenhead pointed out that should certain contingencies unhappily arise, the army in India would not suffice for the defence of India and reinforcements would have to be obtained from the Imperial Army.

U.S. MINE DISASTER.

HUNDREDS OF MINERS ENTOMBED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, March 30th.

A message from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, says that the Mining Department has been informed that between 500 and 600 miners have been entombed as the result of an explosion in the Pennsylvania Coal and Coke Company's Ehrenfeld Mine.

Eight miners are reported to have been killed by an explosion in the Faaline County Coal Corporation's mine at Ledford.

Practically All Rescued.

LATER.

As the result of the desperate efforts of the rescuers and volunteers, who had rushed to the scenes from many parts of the country, practically all the 400 entombed men have been brought up safe and well. Ten bodies have been recovered. The explosion was so violent that it wrecked a two-storey brick building 200 feet from the mine.

WIRELESS NEWS.

REAR-ADMIRAL GRACE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, March 31st.

Rear-Admiral Henry Grace, son of the late Dr. W. G. Grace, the famous cricketer, has been appointed Rear-Admiral of Submarines (1) in succession to Rear-Admiral Vernon Haggard.

Revision of Prayer Book.

In preparation for Parliamentary debates on the revision of the Prayer Book, the Archbishop of York last night addressed 200 members of the House of Commons. He stated it was hoped that the Church Assembly would reach a decision in July and the question would come before Parliament in November. Under precedure governing such matters it was necessary for both Houses of Parliament to petition the King to give the Royal assent. It was not competent for Parliament to amend the Common Prayer Book. It must either accept or reject it.

The Royal Tour.

The Duke and Duchess of York left Sydney to-day to visit (?) where two days will be spent. Civic receptions have been arranged at important towns en route.

The Secretary for Dominion Affairs has received a telegram from the Governor of New South Wales stating that his Ministers desire on behalf of the people of the State to tender their great gratitude to the King for the opportunity of demonstrating the unswerving loyalty of the people to His Majesty and their personal regard and affection towards the Duke and Duchess of York.

[The above message is incomplete owing to poor reception due to bad atmospheric conditions and jamming of other stations.]

BOAT RACE.

CAMBRIDGE THE FAVOURITES.

CLOSE RACE ANTICIPATED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Cambridge are favourites for the boat race, but with the improvement made by the Oxonians recently, despite the loss of their stroke, Llewellyn, through ill-health, even veteran Thameside experts are reluctant to say more than that the crews are unusually well-matched, are faster than the average, and that the result will much depend on the choice of stations, wind and stream.

There is every prospect of a splendid race and a close finish.

Oxford's eight are of an average weight of 12 st. 9½ lbs. and Cambridge 12st. 8½ lbs.

FAMOUS ENGLISH TENOR.

MR. EDWARD LLOYD PASSES AWAY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 31st.

The death is announced of Mr. Edward Lloyd, the tenor.

[Mr. Lloyd, who was born in 1845, and had been, for some years past, living in retirement at Worthing, Sussex, was one of the most prominent English singers of the past generation. He was educated at Grey's School, Southwark, sang in the choir at Westminster Abbey (1852-60) and, at Gloucester in 1871, made the first of many appearances at the well-known English musical festivals.]

PROTECTING GERMAN INDUSTRY.

AN ANTI-DUMPING BILL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, March 30th.

The Government has tabled, in the Reichstag, an "Anti-Dumping Bill," which is a reprisal of similar laws against German goods in Britain, the Dominions, and the United States.

The rate is not specified but the Government is empowered to increase the tariffs as "may be found necessary to protect German industry."

HINDU-MOSLEM DISPUTE.

FORTY-SEVEN PEOPLE INJURED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

KARACHI, March 30th.

Forty-seven people have been sent to hospital with injuries as the result of a serious Hindu-Moslem fracas at Larkana, Upper Sind, a dispute over the possession of a woman and her three children.

CRASH-PROOF PETROL TANK.

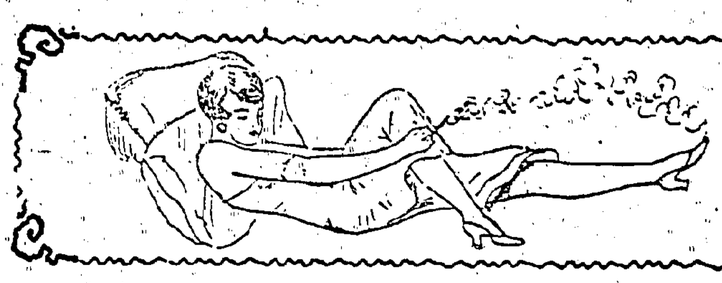
NEW AIRCRAFT INVENTION.

BEING OFFERED TO FOREIGN POWERS.

A further test has now been made with the crash-proof petrol tank, designed to a specification of Major H. H. Evans. A ten-gallon test tank was taken up in an aeroplane at Stag-lane aerodrome and dropped 300ft. on to the aerodrome without bursting.

The tank very badly battered about on one side and bulged at one end as a result of the internal pressure, remained still perfectly leak-proof. This particular tank is designed to be crash-proof only, and not bullet-proof as well, and Major Evans explained that it consists of two metal skins with a quarter-inch layer in between of a patent non-inflammable and petrol-proof composition. The weight of this type works out in a ten-gallon receptacle at 3.8lb. per gallon, an increase in weight over an ordinary metal tank, but, if larger sizes of tanks, such as 100 gallons, are required, the weight per gallon comes down to 1½lb. A 60-gallon tank of the type largely used in training machines works out at 1.6lb. per gallon, but to make a crash-proof and bullet-proof tank a different design is needed, and this gives a weight of 2¼lb. per gallon.

The invention has been brought to the notice of the Air Ministry, but it is understood that objection is taken to the increased weight over and above the present metal tanks, and Major Evans is now in negotiation with foreign Governments. There is no doubt that a crash-proof and bullet-proof tank would be an immense asset in war, as it removes from the pilot the fear of being burnt alive, and prevents his machine being put out of action through loss of petrol if bullets hit the tank. On the other hand, there is the increased weight, which means less petrol or ammunition carried, and a balance has to be struck between these conflicting requirements or a decision made as to which is most important from a tactical point of view.



The WOMAN'S PAGE

"MADAME LA MODE."

"*Madame la Mode*" that intriguing figure of fashion-book fiction is the only woman who really wants to keep a secret and even she has to tell in time. From what I can gather from her publicity agents and the latest lovely things which have arrived in the Colony, there is not much change in line for the coming season though a good deal in detail.

The silhoutte remains slim, the waistline low, though there is a slight tendency to mount, and skirts remain short. Afternoon and evening dresses often have some drapery or a circular inlet godet to break the hem line and hang below it. The bolero effect is still in favour.

It is the small details of trimming which mark the new models. You see pleating of every description, sometimes used as lozenge shaped inlets. Tucks and cable stitching are popular; sometimes arranged obliquely and sometimes to form the new geometric patterns, but always to give an effect of slenderness.

Among Madame Sarrault's latest collection I saw several other new ideas in trimmings. A green georgette afternoon dress, decorated at the hem and wrists with tags of *moiré* ribbon, each finished with a knot was quaint and very pretty. There was a deep rose dress of handkerchief linen with square cut scalloping, and a pale pink georgette dance frock with tiny millinery flowers sewn on to the skirt. Two other summer dance dresses in pastel shades had gold bordered ribbon arranged in stiff ruchings in the form of flowers, and were further trimmed with silver beads. I can't imagine anything more charming for a young girl than one of these three last.

On some of the voile frocks shown by Lane, Crawford's there were deep borders of flowers which looked as if they had been hand painted and I saw there a most delightful collection of cretonne and printed silk sunshades to use with them.

The following day, however, the summer flowers had disappeared from their windows which were now peopled by smart figures in silken mackintoshes. It is lovely to be able to go out on a wet day looking both chic and "colourful." Instead of wearing drabs and black umbrellas, which make one feel as depressed as the weather; Miss 1927 swings along in a mac as smart as a tailored frock with a gay *en tout cas* to match. And if her *bois de rose* legs are wet to the knee, and her sandal shoes have pools of water in them, she neither cares, nor, marvellous to say, catches cold, because she has that best of all tonics for the weaker sex, consciousness that she is looking attractive.

But to return to summer, I saw two "cute" sunshades in Madame Sarrault's which were French and the essence of chic. One a jazz patterned cretonne lavishly embroidered with gold thread and gilt kid applique's, had a highly coloured parrot for its handle. The second was as tiny as those used in early Victorian times and was made of pleated yellow voile with a black vel vet hem.

WHERE CAN I GET IT?

G.M. [A collapsible sandwich tin]. Whiteaway, Laidlaw stock them in aluminium strongly made and the right size for a man's pocket, price $2.50. They also have airtight boxes of the same metal with a glass lining, which are excellent for carrying butter, etc., for picnics.

S.E.F. [Rag books for small children].

Kelly and Walsh have a big selection of books for children of all ages.

L.P. [Brides maids Presents].

I take it you want inexpensive presents for a wedding at home which are to suggest the East. At Komor and Komor you will find some very pretty carved jade pendants, some as low as $3, and a wide selection of Oriental beads. The Sign of the Lantern is also a good hunting ground for the sort of thing you are looking for.

"AN APPLE A DAY."

Now-a-days oranges and tomatoes have generally superceded the apple as a means of keeping the doctor away, and in consequence this latter fruit has fallen somewhat into disfavour. But there is more in the serving of apples than many people realise, and don't forget it was an apple which tempted Eve—that best of all apples, the one you pick yourself from the tree.

Those "homely" sweets apple dumpling and apple charlotte, are coming into favour again with rather more skill given to their preparation. Try serving red currant jelly and cream with the dumpling (the baked kind of course) and see if it isn't a dish fit for any home. As to Apple Charlotte don't crumble the bread but cut it about ¼ inch thick and be lavish with the butter. Line the pie dish with the slices and then put in the apples and sugar, and cover them with thin



The bolero on a walking dress. Brown poplin gown, bolero opened over beige crêpe "chemisier" trimmed with open stitches, skirt forming tunic.

slices of bread and butter. By this method the bread is baked crisp and the apples form a pleasant contrast. Baked apples can have the cores removed and replaced by a slice of lemon dipped in castor sugar. Place in a pie dish, sprinkle with sugar and powdered cinnamon, pour in a little hot water and bake.

Here are a few other apple tips. In a fruit salad cut the apple into small dice; if they are in slices as generally served, they are apt to be hard if a good crisp apple is used and flabby if it is of the soft variety. If you grow your own green salads and so dare to indulge in them here try adding an apple to the next. The receipt I always use and which most people find excellent is as follows. Lettuce torn, not cut, into fairly small pieces. One small head of chicory. One large apple cut into dice. Two

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REMODELLING AS AN ART.

"Mother says," said Daphne, "That I never buy a dress without considering whether it can be altered! Well, it's true, and I'm proud of it." Daphne is always well dressed, her children look sweet and as I know that ways and means are a consideration to her I have often wondered how she does it. I asked her what plan she worked on and these are a few of her hints.

Good things are cheapest in the end. Don't be afraid of the scissors: a touch of alteration generally leaves the garment looking "altered" what you want to do is to make it into a new one. Never buy a dress that is fantastically cut if you hope to remodel it. Think out a colour scheme at the beginning of each season. That does not mean that you can wear only things of one colour, but that your clothes are chosen to "fit in." It's a delightful counsel of perfection to buy a complete set of accessories, shoes, hat bag, etc., for each dress but it can't be done on a small allowance.

Then she showed me some of her latest "creations." "This," she said, holding up a white crêpe frock with a long bodice, "I made for Betty out of a blouse with fichu cross over. It was old fashioned but the stuff was still good." The fichu, already lace edged, made the skirt, and the bodice had been cut from the back and front of the blouse. "This coat," Daphne went on, "I made from a kasha scarf I wore last autumn; it was just long enough to cut the back and two fronts with enough to get out raglan sleeves and straight collar." Her baby had a frock and overalls made out of another scarf, this a tubular knitted one. "It was ever so much quicker than knitting them," she said, "and the wool is beautifully soft."

Daphne laughted as she opened the wardrobe "This is my old black crêpe de chine dress, I've just altered it for the second time. When I got it in Paris years ago it was very long and had a wide sash swathed round the hips. That sash had a rise in the world. It went later round the neck! It's been on the waiting list for ages. I meant to make it into a slip, but when I got it out and washed it, it came up so well I decided to remodel it instead. I cut it open all down the front and, of course, a deep piece off the bottom, a yard of white georgette for the chemisette and my old lace and *voila!* I gasped. It looked as if it had just come out of its first tissue paper. The overdress opening in a deep V over a finely tucked vest had a turned back edging of brussels lace and is held together at the waist by a black and white flower "Scraps and pieces," said Daphne gaily. The skirt is bound down the front edges and has the fullness shirred at the hip line. Lantern sleeves—"there was quite a lot of stuff to cover my legs in 10 ——," said Daphne, "I don't know how I am going to remodel with these short shirts. They can't go any shorter so lets hope two-material fashions will come in again."

The cape of a rep frock had been made into two tiers for the skirt which were bound with braid. A strip of the material on the shoulder seam served both to cover the marks of the old stitches, and to give the new saddle shoulder effect. With the addition of a wide belt of soft leather Daphne had as smart a morning dress as any woman could want.

BAG AND BAGGAGE.

In the Spring we exiles begin to think of home, and to wonder whether the old boxes will stand another journey. I was up in Whiteway, Laidlaw's Furnishing Department the other day and saw there a collection of trunks which made me decide instantly that my box deserved to be pensioned off. When you can get a brand new green canvas cabin trunk with brass locks for $15.50 it seems absurd to take any risks. For the same sum there are expanding fibre suit cases which hold a surprising amount and are light to handle, and the smartest looking imitation crocodile blouse cases, strongly built with a steel frame lined with fibre."

With memories of frenzied searches in the depth of a big old fashioned box, in a stifling baggage room I had vowed when I went on



This most attractive little georgette evening frock of Lucien Lelong's design well illustrates features of the season's modes. It is in marine blue, it has a skirt easy for dancing, it has a tie belt that ties in front, a blouse back and a bolero suggestion at the front. The corsage embroidery is in pearls and brilliants.

leave to get a wardrobe trunk, and I saw just the one I shall choose. It is called "The Imperial" costs $99.50, and is guaranteed unbreakable. Well finished inside with a petty cretonne it has four big drawers and hangers to accommodate twelve suits or jumpers. The cabin size is two dollars cheaper. Another piece of baggage which intrigued me was a large, very large, hat box called the "Never Break." It has holders for five hats and a big tray which takes twelve pairs of shoes, besides the innumerable small soft things that pack in with hats. Personally I always think those holders are a mistake, if you sort your hats

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AN AMAH OR A TRAINED NURSE FROM HOME?

The following extract from a Home paper is of particular interest to mothers in the East. One so often hears "Amah is very kind to the children but she hasn't an idea how to train them," and the conscientious mother wonders if she ought to try to look after her children entirely herself, or sell the car and import a Norland Nurse. The question opened up by this article is whether the mental advantages to be gained from the nurse who is essentially placid and unintellectual are not more to be desired than the orderly behaviour instilled by the trained nurse. The ideal solution here is, of course, an amah and the mother's influence—not constant supervision (except in the case of a very young baby) which undoes the good gained by the nurse's placidity. An insistance on gentleness and courtesy is perhaps a chief need with truculent young Britons. It is generally true that the mother, who is more of a "treat" than a nurse, is the one who holds the children's love, but the treat must be regular and not over exciting.

The article in the Home paper says:—

Can there be a happier foil to the virility of growing children than a nurse who is, frankly, a "bumpkin"?

The psychological effect of a stolid girl is often positive and good. She sits about placidly, for example, watching her charges' efforts to dress themselves, unharrowed by their pathetic fumbling, helping only when they run to her, which, generally, they will not do until they are quite baffled.

Advantages of a Stolid Personality.

Similarly at play her limitations throw them upon their own resources. Seldom does she originate anything. *She* is the entertained. She listens to jumbled stories with no quick desire to put the narrator right. But her easy agreement with or laughter at Four-year-old's inventions encourages him to further explorations in make-belief, exercises his wit, and increases his contentment.

The alternative "competent and motherly" or "managing" kind of girl is an influence to which the delicate fabric of a child's personality should not be subjected. Generally too good-natured or oversensitive to let him struggle on his own, she intervenes much too helpfully and often. Her ever-so-gentle instrusions disturb his concentration, dash his intended little triumphs, and are apt to arouse his opposition.

Encourages Too Much Dependence.

Otherwise her effect can be deadening. She laces boots, buttons gaiters, ties all ribbons and bows, making her charges dependent and clumsy in their handwork. Their games she arranges and plays vigorously, so that on her day out they wander about listlessly, all initiative having been bustled out of them by her positive virtues.

Contrarily, by her purely negative qualities the stolid girl functions as a perfect educator. She impels children to early dexterity, self-reliance, and wit. Rarely interfering, she is enjoyed by them with affection—even as a butt.

in sizes they will generally sit quite happily one on the other and that leaves ample space for light dresses as well as undies.

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CRICKET NOTES.

The season is drawing now to its close, and the Leagues are decided. Several matches, however, still remain to be played and I think it will be a great pity if the Clubs concerned do not try and play them off. The Indians, K.O.S.B. and R.A. have each two more matches to manage somehow, while the Club and Craigengower have one each. In the Second Division the Indians, Royal Navy and *Tamar* alone have completed their programmes, but all the rest are only one shy, I believe, with the possible exception of Kowloon C.C.

To-morrow's Games.

So far as my information goes the only first League game down for decision is at Sookonpoo where the Indians play the Gunners. They postponed the match last Saturday week to allow the Kowloon side to complete their programme. To-morrow the Gunners will have to do a good deal better than they have been doing if they are going to win or even draw.

As a matter of fact what may even be a more interesting match will take place at the Civil Service ground where the C.S. are at home to a Defence Corps Team under E. J. R. Mitchell. Owing to Rugger injuries both Bowker and Wales are out of the side, while two other regular bowlers—Lee and Parker will be engaged in a Hong match, to which I will refer later. But, though his bowling is thus weakened—and, by the way, Summers is away too playing for the Club Second—Mitchell has got together a powerful batting side. Owen Hughes, Hayward (who has recently set some of the younger men an excellent example by rejoining the Corps) Lyal, Ramsey, Jex, Geoffrey Lammert, Orr Strange and Jones Hake make a useful side. The eleventh man is not yet selected.

On the Club ground the second eleven are playing the *Tamar* but I think they will be a good deal weakened by claims of other matches, and I rather expect to see *Tamar* win.

The Chinese Recreation Club have kindly lent their ground for the Hong match Taikoo v. H.K. & S. Bank. Those who want to see desperately keen, albeit not too scientific cricket should pay a visit to this match. Personally I am backing my overdraft, chiefly on the strength of Parker. I am afraid that there is no information to hand about the other teams at the moment of writing but in to-morrow's issue of the *Daily Press* particulars will be found.

Last Week's Games.

The premier game on Saturday last was at Kowloon and the Rest finally turned out a very representative team. Hayward, Owen Hughes and Dobbie had an off day, but Fincher (as usual), Sayer and Madar all did well. Goodwin bowled very well, and I am told that Lyal's 14 overs for 42 rather misleads as nearly half the runs came from his last over, and I believe he owled excellently though getting no wickets. Morris, who has had no success with the ball since his sensational 5 wickets against the Navy, again came off with his slows, and got out all the three top-scoring batsmen for 21 runs only. Kowloon were pretty shaky at the start and Brace alone saved them from a disaster. He played excellent cricket, and by the time that stumps were drawn he had pulled the game well round, with the help of Captain Morris. Ling bowled fairly well, and had a couple for 21 but Dobbie seemed a bit unlucky. He bowled very steadily, however.

The Second Division Champions.

The Indian second turned out M. P. Madar, both the Minus, J. S. Acker and an Ismail, all of whom have been tried for the first. In fact M. P. Madar has I believe played four or five times for them, and I am in hopes that the Indians will give this matter their careful attention next year. The match was most disappointing. The batting of the "Champions" was very slow, save for A. K. Minu, while the batting of the Rest was simply non existent. I am surprised one or two more Kowloon men were not on the side, which seemed to sacrifice everything, in selection, to bowling.

Friendly Games.

I have been particularly struck this season by the increase in the number of Hong or Firm games. Last Saturday the Electric Co., to whose eleven I have previously referred in these notes, managed to produce two complete sides at Sookonpoo, where the Town Office beat North Point 159 to 145. And very nice too!

Wales had a field-day for the Volunteers taking 8 for twenty-eight. I am inclined to think that if he stops in the Colony we shall find him playing regularly for the Club first eleven next season. Recreio, who had their best bat, I think, Alves, away only got 56, while the Volunteers only got twenty-two more.

Only four of the regular Civil Service side turned out against a useful side from the *Hermes* and the second team filled the gaps, and quite usefully too. Brewerton, Garnon, Brookman and Sparkes all got runs for the *Hermes*, and the total was 193. The C.S. with a weak batting side went for the runs, and were only beaten by 23. Holdman, Grimmett, Baker, and Carr did best for them with the bat.

R. ABBIT.

GOLF.

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

HAPPY VALLEY—RUNNING POOL.

In this competition for March the winner was F. E. Booker, 86—10+1=70.

Other score:

J. W. Franks, 86—7+1=80.

A similar competition has been arranged for April.

LAWN TENNIS.

NG SZE KWONG v. FINCHER TO-DAY.

At 1 p.m. yesterday the ground sub-committee of the Hong Kong Cricket Club declared their courts unsuitable for play on account of the soft state of the ground.

If conditions are better to-day, a capital match is anticipated between Ng Sze Kwong and E. C. Fincher in the third round of the Open Singles Championship.

The full list is as follows:—

Open Singles.

Ng Sze Kwong v. E. C. Fincher (3rd round).

Club Singles.

G. W. Sewell v. W. Hyde (re-play).

Handicap Doubles.

J. R. Collis and Dr. C. H. Burton (rec. 15/2) v. H. Owen Hughes and E. Grimble (owe 3/6).

Mixed Doubles.

Mrs. Jolly and Lt. D. Smith (rec. 3/6) v. Miss Butcher and R. J. Hazeland (rec. 15/1). 4 p.m.

CRICKET AVERAGES.

There were no League matches on last week and the lists, therefore, remain the same as those already published.

SPORTS POSTPONED.

ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE MEETING.

Arranged for this afternoon on the Hong Kong Football Club ground, Happy Valley, the annual athletic meeting of St. Paul's College has been postponed on account of the unsettled weather.

They are now fixed to take place next Monday afternoon, beginning at 1.30. The prizes will not be distributed on the ground, but will be handed to the successful competitor at the College later.

HOCKEY.

The Hong Kong Hockey Club have arranged to play a match with a team from H.M.S. *Tamar* and small ships on the United Services Recreation Club ground this afternoon. The bully-off is at 5.15.

Club *v.* Club de Recreio.

To-day, at King's Park ground at 5.30 sharp.

Club:—A. N. Other, J. Gardner, W. H. Newman, L. A. R. Duncan, L. M. S. Lloyd, G. Rankin, Lt. D. M. Ryroft, L. P. Thomas, J. C. Thomson, A. Hunter and J. P. Saunderson (capt.).

FOOTBALL.

H.K.F.C. RESERVES v. UNIVERSITY.

This game will be played on Wednesday, April 6th, on the Hong Kong Football Club ground. Kick-off at 5 p.m. sharp.

H.K.F.C.:—Slipper, Hill, Lyon, Vickers, Walls, Puncheon, Campbell, Thompson, File, Johnston, and White. Reserves: A. N. Other, Howell, and Hawkes.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, March 31st.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer...	29.81	29.84	29.79
Temperature	66	63	70
Humidity ...	95	98	89
Wind—			
Direction	E	E	E
Force ...	4	4	4
Weather ...	O	OM	O
Rain	1.32	0.00	0.43

Highest open-air Temperature, 30th: 67
Lowest open-air Temperature, 31st: 63

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From April 1st to 7th, 1927.

Days of Week	Date of Month	High Water. Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.	Low Water. Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Fri.	1	m 9 0	5 4	m 2 56	0 9
		8 56 a	7 2	2 37 a	2 1
Sat.	2	m 9 30	5 8	m 3 20	1 1
		9 50 a	7 0	3 24 a	1 6
Sun.	3	m 10 1	6 1	m 4 3	1 5
		10 45 a	6 6	4 10 a	1 2
Mon.	4	m 10 33	6 4	m 4 35	2 0
		11 42 a	6 0	4 58 a	1 1
Tues.	5	m 11 7	6 5	m 5 5	2 5
				5 49 a	1 2
Wed.	6	m 0 43	5 8	m 5 33	3 0
		m 11 43	6 5	6 49 a	1 5
Thur.	7	m 1 54	4 8	m 5 59	3 6
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CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

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Hong Kong, 31st March, 1927. [4755

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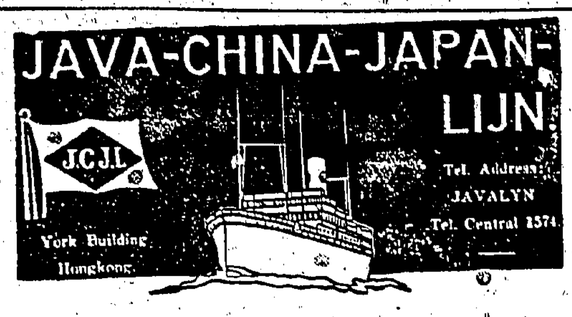
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TJIKARANG ...	SHANGHAI	7th "	8th "	BATAVIA
TJISAROEA ...	BATAVIA	10th "	13th "	SHANGHAI
TJISONDARI ...	JAVA, MACASSAR	12th "	14th "	AMOY & N. CHINA
TJITAROEM ...	N. C. & AMOY	12th "	15th "	MAKASSAR & JAVA
TJIBODAS ...	JAVA	23rd "	25th "	SAIGON
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TJILEBOET ...	AMOY	25th "	29th "	BATAVIA
TJIKEMBANG	BATAVIA	1st May	4th May	SHANGHAI
TJISONDARI ...	NORTH CHINA	10th "	13th "	MACASSAR & JAVA
TJIKINI ...	JAVA, MACASSAR	10th "	12th "	AMOY & N. CHINA
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Hong Kong, 31st March, 1927. [4752

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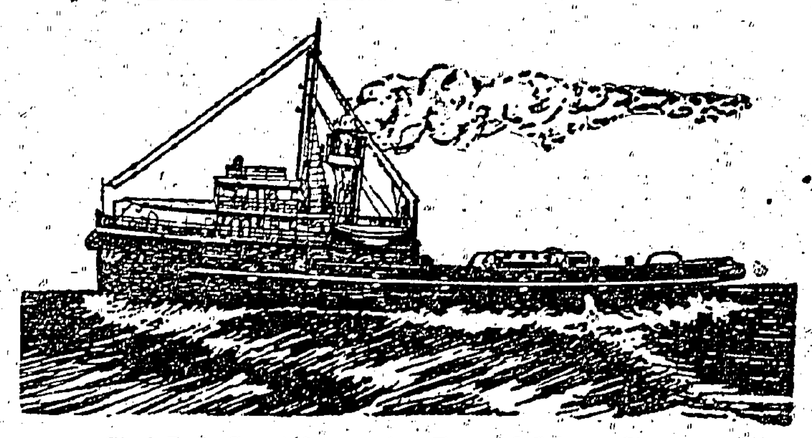
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SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SOOCHOW"	On 8th	April, 10 a.m.
SWATOW, SINGAPORE & BANGKOK	"KWEIYANG"	On 8th	April, 10 a.m.
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ARRIVALS.

March 30th.

Fei Hu, Chinese str., 1,124 tons, Capt. J. Augestad, from Bangkok and Kohsichang, with rice and teakwood, lying at buoy No. C36.—Khoon Seng Co.

Haldis, British str., 1,144 tons, Capt. S. J. Lynch, from Saigon, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B21.—Wo Fat Shing.

Hang Sang, British str., 1,356 tons, Capt. S. J. Barden, from Tientsin and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B32.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Hun Lee No. 1, Chinese str., 2,309 tons, Capt. M. Bechman, from Bangkok, with a cargo of rice, lying at buoy No. B17.—Kwang Nguan Seng.

Kweiyang, British str., 1,580 tons, Capt. D. Luptons, rom Bangkok and Kohsichang, with rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. B11.—B. & S.

Nitto Maru, Japanese str., 1,235 tons, Capt. H. Kanegae, from Dairen and Swatow, with beans and cement, lying at buoy No. C14.—O.S.K.

March 31st.

Ceylon Maru, Japanese str., 2,949 tons, from Moji, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Cheongshing, British str., 1,256 tons, Capt. T. Croft, from Tientsin and Weihaiwei, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C33.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

City of Bombay, British str., 3,355 tons, Capt. Williams Perberthy, from New York and Iloilo, with a general cargo, lying at Holt's Wharf.—Bank Line.

Delta, British str., 5,097 tons, Capt. A. J. Morton, from Bombay, with cotton and general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf. —Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Haiching, British str., 1,267 tons, Capt. W. G. Erwin, from Foochow and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at Douglas Wharf. —Douglas S.S. Co.

Hellas, Norwegian str., 1,114 tons, Capt. T. Davidson, from Bangkok and Swatow, with a cargo of rice, lying at buoy No. C38. —Thoresen & Co.

Lahore, British str., 3,148 tons, Capt. Groome, from Singapore, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf. — Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Malawa, British str., 10,079 tons, Capt. H. W. Randall, R.N.R., from London, which port she left on, February 25th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Anisei Maru, Japanese str., 1,863 tons, Capt. Imushi, from Karatsu, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. C53.—Y.K.K.

CLEARANCES.

March 31st.

Amazone, for Shanghai.
Annam, for Shanghai.
Benchuch, for Keelung.
Ceylon Maru, for Singapore.
Confucius, for Saigon
Corona, for Canton.
Delta, for Shanghai.
Malwa, for Shanghai.
Nanchung, for Canton.
Nitto Maru, for Canton.
Solviken, for Saigon.
Tjiadak, for Billiton.
Yanon, for Swatow.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. *Delta*, from Bombay to Kobe, on March 31st:—For Hong-Kong: Rev. and Mrs. T. B. McMillan and two children. Among passengers passing through on their way to Shanghai were: Mr. D. H. Dotiwalla, Mrs. F. Viccajee, Master Kistry, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Karanjia, Mr. H. Britto. For Yokohama: Mr. H. Dialdas and Mr. K. V. Thomas.

Per s.s. *Malwa*, from London *vid* ports, on March 31st:—Mr. A. R. Bruce, Mrs. and Mis Greig, Miss Hog, Mr. and Mrs. Hogbin and child, Miss Leadbeater, Sub-Lt. Burston, Comdr. W. Richardson, Mr. R. R. Windsor, Comdr. Herbert, Miss E. Campbell, Lt. J. Poynting, Mr. and Mrs. Turner, Mr. F. Hoyle, Mr. Harris, Mr. A. Creaswell, Mr. R. Davies, Mr. Harvey, Surg.-Lt. Kelly, Lt.-Cdr. Poland, Mr. J. Payne, Mr. A. Coulman, Mr. J. Burgess, Mr. E. Hepworth, Mr. J. J. Brockbank, Mr. H. W. Kelly, Lt.-Comdr. Ingham, Lt.-Comdr. Bird, Sub-Lt. Tyrwhitt, Mr. Jarvis, Rev. H. Phillipant, Rev. MacGuinness, Mr. and Mrs. Spooner, Miss Spooner, Mr. C. Smith, Mr. E. Moore, Surg.-Lt. Henderson, Mr. A. B. Serridge, Mr. P. C. Sparks, Mr. H. J. Millington, Mr. Andrews, Sub-Lt. Duff, Sub-Lt. Whittaker, Sub-Lt. Phillips, Capt. F. Matthews, Ldg.-Tel. Crutchley, Ldg.-Lt. Jackson, Ldg.-Tel, Cort, Ddg.-Lt. Millar, Mr. and Mrs. A. Deeks, Mr. A. Cameron, Mr. Davis, Mrs. M. Carter, Miss R. Jones, Mrs. Miss Chetwood-Aiken, Mr. W. Park, Rev. Tocher, Rev. Chiffith, Mr. E. Fuller, Rev. H. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar and two children, Mr. Spence, Miss A. Kavli, Miss A. Blakley, Miss J. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Hope, Mrs. Sun and child, Mr. A. Inch, Mrs. W. S. Davies, Mr. Cochrane, Mr. F. Coje, Mr. A. B. Brown, Mr. G. R. Wensley, Mr. G. T. Gibb, Mr. D. A. Glover, Mr. Bladon, Mr. J. J. Woollen, Mr. E. R. Ayris, Mr. and Mrs. G. White, Miss M. Christmas, Mr. K. Macdonald, Miss and Master Waddell, Miss Farrell, Mrs. Hynes and child, Mr. R. Taylor, Mr. J. W. Barber, Yt.-Comdr. Hoskyn, Lt.-Comdr. Mortison, Sub-Lt. Fordell, Mr. Glew, Lt. C. M. Hall, Mr. E. D. Nash, Mr. R. S. Matthews, Miss A. Roberts, Mr. S. A. R. James, Mr. J. Sutherland, Mr. W. Kirkpatrick, Mr. W. Fielder, Mr. W. Muirhead, Mr. R. Worcester, Mrs. and Mrs. Saker, Miss Silby, Dr. R. E. Cameron, Mr. W. Davison, Mr. A. A. Simoes, Mr. and Mrs. D. Reid, Mr. H. Davidson, Mr. Rice, Mrs. A. E. Green, Baron J. Guilleaume, Mr. H. C. White, Dr. K. Kimber, Mrs. MacKenzie, Mr. Sugdury, Misses Whitley (2), Col. Aspinal, Mrs. Demitriyeir, Miss Armistead, Miss Ellaby, Mr. W. Walker, Lt. R. Wombell, Mr. W. Hastie, Mrs. Lee Warner, Mr. and Mrs. Logie and child, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Ellis, Mr. W. F. Walker, Dr. and Mrs. Daly and child, Mr. H. B. Hammond, Mr. B. Birbett, Dr. Balfour, Dr. J. Lowson, Col. J. M. Boyd, Mrs. Duncan-Campbell, Mr. G. S. Osborne, Mr. H. P. Surrey, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Taylor jr., Mr. New, Miss M. Turner, Miss C. Ross, Mr. A. Bunch, Mr. G. Brash, Mrs. and Miss Fowle, and Mr. Gunninham.

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Apr.	20	Seattle	Geo. Washington	May	18	P'mtn-C'brg	May 27
Apr.	26	San Francisco	Republic	May	28	P'mtn-C'brg	June 6
May	4	Seattle	Aquitania	May	31	C'brg-S'hmptn	June 6
May	10	San Francisco	Homeric	June	11	C'brg-S'hmptn	June 17
May	18	Seattle	Mauretania	June	15	P'mtn-C'brg	June 21
May	24	San Francisco	Majestic	June	25	C'brg-S'hmptn	July 1
June	1	Seattle	Berengaria	June	29	C'brg-S'hmptn	July 5
June	7	San Francisco	Olympic	July	9	C'brg-S'hmptn	July 15
June	15	Seattle	Aquitania	July	13	C'brg-S'hmptn	July 19
June	21	San Francisco	Homeric	July	23	C'brg-S'hmptn	July 29

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PRESIDENT MONROE	Tuesday,	June 7th,	8.00 a.m.

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TO MANILA.

PRESIDENT JACKSON	...	Apr. 4th,	6.00 p.m.
PRESIDENT POLK	...	April 12th,	8.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT TAFT	...	April 12th,	6.00 p.m.
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TIENTSIN	"CHEONGSHING"	Tuesday,	5th April, at daylight
BANGKOK via SINGAPORE	"CHAKSANG"	Tuesday,	5th April, at Noon
TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"HANSANG"	Thursday,	7th April, at 7 a.m.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Thursday,	7th April, at 3 p.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"KUMSANG"	Saturday,	9th April, at 3 p.m.
TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"MINGSANG"	Sunday,	10th April, at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"YATSING"	Wednesday,	13th April, at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"KUTSING"	Friday,	15th April at 3 p.m.
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EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10
EMPRESS OF ASIA	July 11	July 15	July 19	July 22	July 31
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Aug. 1	Aug. 5	Aug. 9	Aug. 12	Aug. 21
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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Waterfront News, etc.

YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

INWARD CARGOES NORMAL.

THROUGH FREIGHTS DOWN.

BRITISH VESSELS BEST CARRIERS.

The returns for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday showed that local imports of general merchandise were normal and that through freights had decreased considerably.

British vessels carried most of the inward freights and although only two vessels had cargoes for ports beyond Hong Kong, the amount carried represented half of the total amount of through cargoes.

The Colony's imports amounted to 16,020 tons, of which, 8,250 tons were contributed by four British vessels.

The two best returns were shown by the s.s. *Cheong Shing* and the *Kweiyang*. The former vessel from Tientsin accounted for 2,350 tons and the latter from Bangkok was responsible for 2,400 tons.

Through freights were carried by four vessels out of ten arrivals. The amount manifested was 3,100 tons. Of these two British steamers were responsible for 1,670 tons.

The two best returns were 1,170 tons on the s.s. *Shantung* (British) from Canton, and 730 tons on the *Nitta Maru* from Swatow.

During the period under review there were 10 arrivals and 11 departures. The nationalities were: British, 5 arrivals and 2 departures; American, 1 departure; Norwegian, 1 arrival and 2 departures; Japanese, 2 arrivals and 1 departure; Chinese, 2 arrivals and 3 departures; French, 2 departures.

The following were the cargo carriers:—

S.S. *Hang Sang* (British) from Tientsin and Swatow, 1,500 tons general for Hong Kong and 500 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Cheong Shing* (British) from Tientsin and Weihaiwei, 2,350 tons general and 351 packages of cartridges for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Shantung* (British) from Canton, 1,170 tons general for other ports.

S.S. *Kweiyang* (British) from Bangkok and Kohsichang, 2,400 tons rice and general for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Haldis* (British) from Saigon, 2,000 tons general for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Hellas* (Norwegian) from Bangkok and Swatow, 2,000 tons rice for Hong Kong and 400 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Kaijo Maru* (Japanese), from Keelung and Swatow, 750 tons coal for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Nitta Maru* (Japanese) from Dairen and Swatow, 820 tons general for Hong Kong and 730 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Fei Hu* (Chinese) from Bangkok and Kohsichang, 2,200 tons rice for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Hua Lee No. 1* (Chinese) from Bangkok, 2,000 tons rice for Hong Kong.

The motor vessel *Javanese Prince* from New York sailed from Shanghai on Wednesday afternoon, and is expected to arrive in Hong Kong at daylight on Saturday, April 2nd.

WATERFRONT NEWS.

POLICE LAUNCH NO. 7 SUNK.

RARE BIRDS STOLEN FROM FRENCH CHEF.

[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

What with the threatened B. & S. strike and an early morning collision large contingents of the seafaring fraternity were to be seen standing about in groups, pipes in mouths and hands waving as they went about the work of spinning yarns.

Asiatics Entering the Colony.

During the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, 1,039 Asiatic deck passengers entered the Colony. About 90 per cent. were from Swatow. Included in this batch was an Indian soldier from Tientsin.

Vessels in Port.

There were 69 vessels in port during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday. They were: British, 24; American, 1; Norwegian, 10; Japanese, 4; Chinese, 16; Dutch, 6; Portuguese, 2; French, 3; German, 1; Danish, 1.

The Mail Box.

Yesterday there were 87 bags of mail brought into this port from Tientsin and Swatow; six bags from Bangkok and 18 bags from Keelung.

Marine Court.

The coxswain of the steam launch *Tung Fu* was fined $15 (or two weeks' hard labour) for having his craft on the wrong side of the fairway. The defendant pleaded that he was on the safe side and that the launch was about 300 yards away from the Praya Wall.

Love-Birds Stolen.

"A cageful of birds valued at $7,300 was stolen from the cook of the s.s. *Amazone* on Wednesday. The thief must have been a bird fancier, for the birds were of the rare species known as the "blue badger love-birds."

Passengers Departed.

Among those leaving the Colony by the *Empress of Canada*, were Mr. W. H. Peters, Captain F. K. Brennan, Colonel R. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Dick, Mr. and Mrs. J. McKelvie and two daughters, Mr. E. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. J. Castro.

Chinese Passenger Traffic.

The figures given below showing the number of Chinese coming to and going from Hong Kong during the past two weeks will make interesting reading, and the fact why so many Chinese had come to the Colony to stay is only too obvious.

Week Ended March 13th.

ARRIVED.

By ocean steamers	11,631
By river steamboats, junks and launches	21,249
Total	32,870

DEPARTED.

By ocean steamers	8,643
By river steamboats, junks and launches	21,148
Total	29,791

Week Ended March 20th.

ARRIVED.

By ocean steamers	10,441
By river steamboats, junks and launches	27,599
Total	38,040

DEPARTED.

By ocean steamers	13,039
By river steamboats, junks and launches	25,269
Total	38,308

A little figuring will show that during the last two weeks, a total of 2,811 Chinese were added to the population of this Colony.

Mails.

Since the Chinese Post Office strike at Shanghai there has been much delay in the reception of Northern mail here, and even the little that has come through during the past week has only consisted of a few letters. Very few papers have straggled through, and practically no mail from Home *viâ* Siberia. The first Home mail to arrive this week was by the P. & O. s.s. *Malwa* yesterday, this steamer bringing letters and papers *viâ* Suez (dated London, March 3rd) and parcels of a week earlier. The *Malwa* later left for the North, and also the *Delta* with mail for Europe *viâ* Siberia. There is a Japan and Shanghai mail due to-day on the *Macedonia*, but it is doubtful how much Northern matter the vessel will discharge. The *Macedonia* carries the outward Home and Europe mail *viâ* Marseilles to-morrow, this mail closing at 10.30 a.m.

Police Launch Sunk.

A collision between the ferry *Hau Hoi* and the Police launch "7" occurred in the Harbour early yesterday morning, the Police launch being sunk.

At about 4.50 a.m. the Police pinnace, which was in charge of Lance Sergt. Pearson, was steaming eastwards in the southern fairway. The *Hau Hoi* was approaching from the opposite direction. She was well laden with passengers and cargo and was on her way to Nam Tau district. She struck the Police craft amidship on the port side.

The pinnace was badly holed but though shipping water rapidly Sergt. Pearson managed to get the craft to the Yaumati shelter. She went down in shallow water and her superstructure is still visible.

The pinnace is an old one. Formerly German-owned she ran in the harbour as the *Hapag* until converted into a Water Police patrol craft.

The *Hau Hoi* is known to Europeans who used to go out for week-end shooting parties in that part of Chinese territory just beyond British waters. She plies every day between the market town by the same name and Hong Kong and her name has been connected with piracy episodes. Messrs. Tsang Foo & Co. are the owners.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.25 p.m. stated:—

The Southern depression is now central over Tongking. The Loochoos depression has not developed. Local forecast:—S.E. winds, moderate, generally overcast.

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"ALIPORE"	8,273	20th April	S'pore., Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"DELTA"	8,097	27th April	S'pore., Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"MALWA"	10,980	30th April	Marseilles and London.
"LAHORE"	5,252	10th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"NELLORE"	6,853	11th May	S'pore., Penang, Columbo, B'bay. and Karachi.
"KHIVA"	9,138	14th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"JEYPORE"	5,318	20th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"NYANZA"	7,023	25th May	S'pore., Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"MOREA"	10,198	28th May	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	9,005	11th June	Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,902	25th June	Marseilles, London and Antwerp
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"JANUS"	4,824	17th April	do.
"TILAWA"	10,000	25th April	do.
"TALMA"	10,000	26th April	do.

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"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	1st April, 4 p.m.	Manila, Sandakan, Iloilo, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	29th April	
"TANDA"	6,956	3rd June	
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	1st July	
"ARAFURA"	6,000	29th July	

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"TILAWA"	10,000	3rd April, 6 a.m.	Amoy, S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	5th April	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokonama
"TALMA"	10,000	6th April	Moji, Kobe and Osaka.
"JEYPORE"	7,648	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"NELLORE"	6,853	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KHIVA"	9,135	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"NYANZA"	7,023	22nd April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MOREA"	10,953	29th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TANDA"	6,956	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.

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m.v. "SUMATRA"	16th May, 1927
m.v. "JAPAN"	8th June, 1927

FOR SHANGHAI AND JAPAN PORTS.

	Loading about
m.v. "SUMATRA"	8th April, 1927
m.v. "JAPAN"	30th April, 1927

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Japan & Shanghai	*Macedonia* ...	1st April
Straits	*Tilawa*	1st April
Amoy	*Tawada* ...	1st April
Sha Shai	*Macedonia* ...	1st April
Shanghai	*Ulysses*	2nd April
Shanghai	*Luenjchow* ...	2nd April
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai...	*Pres. Jackson*	3rd April
Australia & Manila ...	*Arafura*	4th April
Japan & Shanghai	*Antenor*	5th April
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai ...	*Emp. of Russia* ...	6th April

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
		Friday, 1st,
Batavia	*Tjisalak*	10.30 A M
Manila, Sandakan, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 16th April)	*St. Albans* ...	Parcels Noon Reg. 1.45 P M Letters 2.30 P M
Shanghai	*Lahore*	2.00 P M
Saigon	*Confucius* ...	2.00 P M
Japan	*Macassar Maru* ...	3.30 P M
Formosa	*Sussany*	5.00 P M
Manila	*Oakridge*	5.00 P M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 29th April)	*Macedonia*	Parcels 5.00 P M Reg. 2nd, 9.45 A M Letters 10.30 A M
		Saturday, 2nd,
Haiphong	*Tonkin* ...	12.30 P M
		Parcels 2.00 P M
Straits and Calcutta	*Takuda* ...	Letters 5.00 P M
Amoy	*Anhui*	5.00 P M
		Sunday, 3rd,
*Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	*Kaijo Maru* ...	8.30 A M
*Swatow and Bangkok	*Kuying*	8.30 A M
Swatow	*Hai Ning* ...	9.00 A M
		Monday, 4th,
Shanghai	*Hector*	8.30 A M
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu and *San Francisco—due San Francisco, 29th April & EUROPE via Siberia ...)	*Tenyo Maru* ...	Reg. 9.45 A M Letters 10.30 A M
Manila	*Pres. Jackson*	4.30 P M
Swatow	*Foochuing* ...	5.00 P M
Amoy	*Szechuen*	5.00 P M
		Tuesday, 5th,
Straits	*Chaksang*	10.30 A M
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Hai Hong*	Noon
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., U. & S. America & *EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 26th April)	*Pres. Pierce* ..	Parcels 3.00 P M Reg. 4.15 P M Letters 5.00 P M
		Wednesday, 6th,
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 4th May)	*Antenor* ...	Reg. 9.45 A M Letters 10.30 A M
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	*Kotsu Maru*	5.00 P M

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Silver $13,500,000
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Harbin		

Current Accounts opened in Local Currency and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods in Local Currency and Sterling on terms which will be quoted on application.
Hong Kong, 9th March, 1927. [52

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For the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,
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O. STEENSTRA,
34] Manager.

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Paid-up Capital 19,780,200.00
Reserve Fund 9,884,228.69

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C. L. C. SANDES, Manager.
7, Queen's Road Central,
Hong Kong, June 17th, 1926. [29

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H. MORI, Manager.
Hong Kong, 11th March, 1927. [35

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Paid-up Capital....Frs. 68,400,000.00
Reserve Fund Frs. 59,567,283.54

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CHR. LEM,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 20th March, 1924. [32

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Paid-Up Capital... 5,000,000
Reserve... 1,200,000

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T. TAKAGI,
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J. R. GEORGE,
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Hong Kong, 7th March, 1927. [30

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